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Living Legends

Living life on faith

By Rosemary Stephens,
Reporter/Graphic Artist

Belva Hicks sits across her dining table playing with the turquoise rings on her fingers. When she begins to speak it is about God and her brown eyes light up and a smile spreads across her face.

"I love the Lord ... the best thing that has ever happened in my life was when I gave my life to God and I want to get that out in front right off," Hicks said.

Hicks, born Aug. 25, 1932, is half Pueblo and half Arapaho. She was born in Concho, Okla. but started out her life living in New Mexico.

"My dad was Jose Santos Naranjo and was from New Mexico and my mom was Lula Lonelodge," Hicks said. "I had seven brothers and sisters, but all my brothers, Joe, Clifton and Douglas all died when they were babies."

After the death of Hick's brothers, her mom decided they needed to move back to Oklahoma and they moved to Canton, Okla.

"My dad was a carpenter and he was one of the ones who helped build that Canton Dam out there," Hicks said. "My mom stayed at home and I don't ever remember her

working."

From the second to the 11th grade Hicks attended the Concho Boarding School in Concho, Okla.

"I didn't want to go to the white school because I felt like I was better off being around my Indian people, but it was real lonely at the school sometimes," Hicks said.

She quit school in the 11th grade after becoming pregnant and by the age of 18 she was married to Jay Gould. They were married for 13 years and had 12 children in all but only eight children are living and one adopted daughter. She also has two great-great grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 18 grandchildren.

"I used to tell my husband I didn't want to have that many children and I wanted him to go get himself fixed or me get fixed, but he would get real mad and say I want to have a lot of children and have a big family so that's what we did," Hicks said. "Now I wouldn't trade any of my children, I love them all so much, even one I gave up for adoption."

Hicks said she divorced Gould in 1963 because they just couldn't get along. She said they were constantly fighting and it wasn't good for the children to be around all that.

She said after she divorced she went to work to support herself and her children.

"My dad used to tell me we're not rich and you were not born with a silver spoon in your mouth and if you want anything out of this life you have to work. He would say you have to do an honest job, whether it's digging ditches or washing dishes it doesn't matter as long as it's honest work and you do an honest days worth of work," Hicks said.

She said her father always instilled in them to not be crooked or dishonest and to work hard and you will succeed in life.

"My dad's words have stayed with me all these



Belva Hicks

years and I always try to follow them," Hicks said. "You know people who are dishonest or steal, they won't ever succeed here on earth."

Hicks said for 11 years she was a single parent working and raising her children, but this was the time she began to drink.

"I would try and control my drinking during the week because I had to work, but on the weekends I really partied ... every weekend," Hicks said.

She said it was while she was drinking in bars that she met and married her second husband, Edgar Hicks.

"We got married in September, but the most important date that stands out in my mind over all dates is Jan. 13, 1974 when I had had enough of drinking. I was sick and tired of being sick and tired, so I said God please take this addiction from me and I will serve you the rest of my life ... and He did," Hicks said. "He (God) took the craving away from me and for 36 years I haven't touched a drink. I hate it and I don't allow anyone in my

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Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Belva Hicks looks down upon her great-granddaughter, Carleigh Fly- ingout, at her home on March 8, 2010.

Possible name change would reflect accurate history

By Dana Attocknie,
Managing Editor

The word "massacre" is a word some Cheyenne people want when it comes to possibly changing the name of the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Cheyenne, Okla.

"We want to change the word battle," Moses Star said. "There was no battle."

Cheyenne chiefs, clan members and people with ancestral affiliations to the Black Kettle historical site met on March 6, 2010 at the Watonga Community Center, in Watonga, Okla. to discuss the past and plan for the future.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Office of Planning and Development orchestrated the

meeting that was attended by approximately 20 people.

Lynette Gray, with the Office of Planning and Development, said during earlier meetings with the National Park Service (NPS), "it was suggested that the word 'massacre' be refrained from use. An idea that would get better political support from government agencies as we pursue the proposal."

Star reiterated the NPS suggestion at the beginning of the meeting and said, "There is one thing; the word massacre is not to be used in the changing of that title. It'll never pass."

Representing the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site was park Superintendent Lisa Frost. Frost said she was there to listen and said they are

always happy to do what Congress tells them to do because, "A change in our name would require a change in the law."

After the meeting, Frost said she was not aware of who suggested the word "massacre" not be used, and as long as Congress agrees with the name selected, then plans will move forward to change the name.

"You don't attack a sleeping village and call it a battlefield," Minoma Littlehawk said.

The Washita National Historic Site preserves the ground where Lt. Col. George A. Custer and the 7th U.S. Cavalry attacked Peace Chief Black Kettle's Southern Cheyenne village at dawn on Nov. 27, 1868. The

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NPS photo

The visitor's center at the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Cheyenne, Okla.

Opinion of the Third Legislature

The oversight hearing held March 4, 2010 was convened Pursuant to Legislative Procedures Sec. 6.3(b)(2) ... “Oversight hearings shall be held to review or study law, issues, or and activity; to review the quality of a tribal or federal program or performance or government officials; or any other matter to ensure that the execution of laws by each branch of government complies with legislative intent or that administrative polices reflect the public interest. Oversight hearings shall be designated to seek to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations.”

The purpose of the oversight hearing was to review law/Resolution No. 021096TC005, adopted Feb. 10, 1996, and to seek to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations by determining whether the resolution was enacted in accordance with Tribal Council policies and procedures under the former constitution and the law of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in 1996.

Presented to the Third Legislature for review were documents and statements including but not limited to, a copy of Resolution No. 021096TC005, adopted Feb. 10, 1996, minutes from the 1996 Tribal Council Meeting showing the voting numbers for passage of the Resolution No. 021096TC005, adopted Feb. 10, 1996, Bureau of Indian Affairs Report’s, a Tribal Council Proposed Resolution Dated to be heard March 27, 2010, Letters from Gov. Janice Boswell and acting Executive Director Ida E. Hoffman stating their view of the resolution, testimony during the oversight hearing from Geraldine Warledo, secretary at the 1996 tribal council meeting, Marciana Jacobs, chairperson of the 1996 tribal council meeting, James Pedro, former 1996 business committee member, and a representative for Hoffman and Boswell.

After a thorough review of the facts presented for oversight concerning the validity of Resolution No. 021096TC005, dated Feb. 10, 1996, the Third Legislature concludes in its opinion that the resolution was properly passed by the 1996 Tribal Council at a meeting that was properly reconvened under quorum and should be given full

effect of law under the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution.

The Third Legislature supports this conclusion based on evidence and testimony given during the oversight hearing that the Tribal Council meeting was properly reconvened as was customary during 1996 for the Tribal Council to do and the Tribal Council meeting was held under a quorum of 82 persons. A vote was cast for Resolution No. 021096TC005, dated Feb. 10, 1996 with a tribal council vote of: For: 81, Against: 0, Abstentions: 1. At the time of the vote in 1996, 75 people were required to obtain a quorum of the Tribal council. This resolution has not been challenged or repealed in a court of law as of March 4, 2010.

Further the Third Legislature gives weight to documentation presented showing in, Tribal Counsel Proposed Resolution “Establishing the Tribes Policy on Gubernatorial Confirmations” and dated to be heard at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Special Tribal Council meeting March 27, 2010, reading, “Be it further resolved that this Resolution shall supersede any and all preceding Resolutions of the Tribal Council which conflict with its intent and purpose and specifically repeals Tribal Council Resolution No. 021096TC005, adopted February 10, 1996.” (Item No. 5 on the March 27, 2010 Special Tribal Council Meeting agenda).

The Third Legislature recognizes here the Tribal Council is bringing a specific resolution to repeal the resolution in question during the oversight hearing held March 4, 2010. If Resolution No. 021096TC005, adopted Feb. 10, 1996 were not valid it would be a moot point for the Tribal Council to try and repeal an invalid resolution therefore the Tribal Council must recognize Resolution No. 021096TC005, adopted Feb. 10, 1996 as currently a valid Resolution that must be given full effect and enforcement under the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

All findings of the Third Legislature oversight hearing held March 4, 2010 will be forwarded to the governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation and posted for public record.

Michael Kodaseet, speaker
Third Legislature

Office of the Tribal Council
Rachel Lynn, Coordinator



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February 26, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: ALL CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBAL MEMBERS
(18 YEARS AND OLDER ON OR BEFORE March 27, 2010)

Special Tribal Council Meeting
March 27, 2010 10:00 a.m.
Elk City Junior High School Cafeteria, Elk City, OK
(411 North Oliver)

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes’ Constitution, Article V, Section 3 (b) Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred fifty Members of the Tribes.

A petition calling for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council for **Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to be held at the Elk City Junior High School Cafeteria, Elk City OK**, was received on February 22, 2010. Verification of 210 valid signatures was received by the Tribal Enrollment Director on February 25, 2010.

The following items are posted at the Office of Tribal Council (located at Concho Community Hall), Office of Administration, and Tribal Website (www.c-a-tribes.org). Any resolution is available to the public.

New Business:

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Removal of the Tribal Council Coordinator and Selection of an Acting Tribal Council Coordinator.
2. A Resolution Repealing the 2010 Budget & Appropriations Act (reserving the Tribal Council’s right and authority to repeal the Act if it is determined not to be in the interest of the Tribes)
3. A Resolution Repealing the Cheyenne and Arapaho Code of Ethics (reserving the Tribal Council’s right and authority to repeal the Act if it is determined not to be in the interest of the Tribes).
4. A Resolution Authorizing the Tribes’ Tobacco compact with the State of Oklahoma.
5. A Resolution Establishing the Tribes’ Policy on Gubernatorial Confirmations.
6. A Resolution Establishing the Tribes’ Policy of Transparency for all Tribal Revenues and Expenditures.
7. A Resolution Authorizing a Special Consulting Services Contract for the Department of Economic Development.
8. A Resolution Authorizing Contract(s) for to Special Prosecutor and Independent Investigator to Examine Allegations of Unauthorized spending and Other Illegal Acts Under the Flyingman Administration.
9. A Resolution Authorizing the Tribal Council Attorney to pursue Civil Action(s) to Recover the Tribes’ Financial Losses Arising from the Unauthorized Litigation and issues surrounding the Management Agreement with Southwest Casino’s.
10. A Resolution Repealing Tribal Council Policy Requiring Personnel Policies and Procedures.
11. A Resolution Approving Judicial Appointments.

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes’ Constitution, Article V, Section 3 (c) The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall provide notice of all Regular Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council at least fifteen days before such Meeting. This document serves as the required fifteen day public notice.

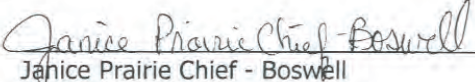


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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Michael Kodaseet, Speaker of the Legislature
Third Legislature
Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Members

FROM: 
Janice Prairie Chief - Boswell

DATE: March 2, 2010

RE: Special Session of the Legislature

The Constitution of the Tribes permits the Governor to call Special Sessions of the Legislature. Specifically, Article VI, Section 6(c) of the Constitution states:

"A Special Session of the Legislature shall be held annually in March. The purpose of the Special Session shall be to meet and counsel with all Chiefs and Headsmen regarding the needs and welfare of the Tribes and its Members. Each Chief and Headsmen shall receive an invitation to the Special Session.

I hereby call a Special Session of the Legislature for Friday, 26 March, 2010, east of building 1, old BIA office, Concho, Oklahoma to begin at 10:00 A.M. I specifically do not call the Special Session for any other day than Friday, 26 March, 2010.

**CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO
TRIBES**

**SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING**

Saturday March 27, 2010 10:00 a.m.
**Elk City Junior High School Cafeteria, Elk City,
OK**

BUS TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

TOWN	DEPARTURE LOCATION	DEPARTURE TIME
El Reno, OK	Wal-Mart Supercenter 2400 S. Country Club	7:00 a.m.
Weatherford, OK	Wal-Mart 800 E Main St.	8:00 a.m.
Clinton, OK	K-Mart 2501 Red Wheat Drive	8:30 a.m.
Hammon, OK	Hammon Community Hall	9:00 a.m.

TOWN	DEPARTURE LOCATION	DEPARTURE TIME
Geary, OK	Geary Community Hall 132 E Main	7:00 a.m.
Watonga, OK	Watonga Multi-Purpose Building	7:30 a.m.
Canton, OK	Native American Community Center Broadway Street	8:15 a.m.
Seiling, OK	Seiling Community Hall 411 N. Main	9:00 a.m.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Tribal Council at
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National Park Service approves Cheyenne, Arapaho tribes to assume SHPO functions _____

government over the Interior Department's mismanagement of royalties received for natural resource development. Congress initially had a Dec. 31, 2009 deadline to approve the settlement money, but that was extended to Feb. 28, 2010 and now April 16, 2010. Lead plaintiff Louise Cobell of Browning says the delay is frustrating, but she says she believes the settlement will be approved.



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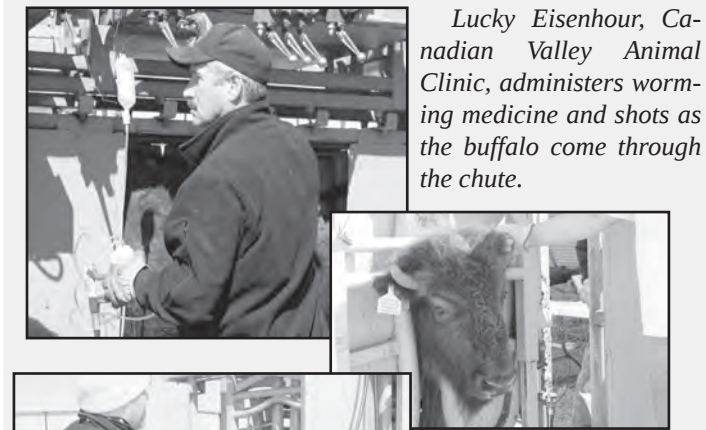


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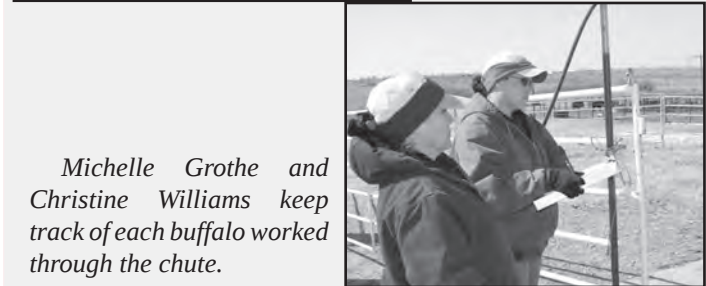
TRIBAL IDBITS



Lucky Eisenhower, Canadian Valley Animal Clinic, administers worming medicine and shots as the buffalo come through the chute.



Corey Sage, a recent Oklahoma State University graduate in veterinarian medicine and an employee of economic development, prepares to place ear tags in the buffalo's ears.



Photos by Rosemary Stephens

On Feb. 24, 2010 the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' 383 head of buffalo received shots, worming and ear tags at the Concho Reserve in Concho, Okla.

Economic development staff and veterinarian Lucky Eisenhower from Canadian Valley Animal Clinic worked most of the day to ensure the buffalo were healthy and ready for spring.

Of the 383 head, 58 buffalo are deemed the purest bred in the United States, Chester Whiteman, acting Economic Development Director, said. These 58 head of buffalo will be used for breeding in the upcoming months.



Photos by Rosemary Stephens



The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Child Development students cheer on the Calumet Chieftains basketball team as they drive through the tribal complex on Thursday, March 4, 2010.



Pictured l-r: Back row: Coach Mike Pierson, Michael Jones, Steffen Funkhouser, Andre Runnels, Miguel Whiteshirt, Tommy Crews, Ira Sankey, Stewart Paukei, Sam Dicke, and Elijah Ellis. Front row: Andrew Brock, Andrew Miles, Bryon Elledge, Tanner Brown, Josh Busyhead, Ricky Elledge, Dylan Toahy, and Jayton Willingham.



Courtesy photos

The Darlington Chiefs 7th & 8th grade boys' team won the Oklahoma Rural Elementary School (O.R.E.S.) state basketball championship in division II play.

Steffen Funkhouse and Michael Jones received the All Tournament Player Awards and Andre Runnels received Most Valuable Player award.



Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Jandri Levi, recently visited Ruston, La. to watch northern Cheyenne tribal member, Tahnee Robinson play basketball.

Robinson plays for the University of Nevada.

While in Louisiana, Levi was able to meet Karl Malone, a Louisiana Tech alumni basketball player.

Courtesy photos

Tornado hits Hammon, tribal programs send aid

Submitted article

On the evening of Monday March 8, 2010 a tornado touched down in the Hammon area and caused power outages for many of our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members.

Though no one was injured, there were several programs that came to the aid of our people. Those programs were the Lucky Star Casino, who provided meals and transportation, the Crisis and Eldercare programs for assisting with hotel rooms, and the Black Kettle Crew for their support in the clean up as well.

Mary Jo Higgins, C-3 district legislator, helped coordinate these efforts with several key personnel. They were Lucky Star General Mmanager Ray Barnette, Judy Sheridan, Erica

Dominguez, Samarrah Gallegos, Alfred Whiteshirt, Chico Whiteshirt, Eric Sharp, Gloria Gonzales, Tracy James, and Edward Moorehead.

The Black Kettle Crew members were Marlin Orange, Sr., William Stepp Jr., Thurman Starr, Alden Hill, Marlin Orange III, Albert Littleman, Rikki Candy, Zack Racelis, Samantha Candy, and David Orange. The Economic Development department also assisted with restoring power to the community hall.

A big thank you goes out to all of those people who helped during this time.



Courtesy photos



Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal programs helped tribal members after the March 8, 2010 tornado in Hammon, Okla.

Home Improvement Program

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Housing Authority is now accepting applications for the Home Improvement Program.

Tribal members should get all new applications completed and send them in.

If you have an application on file, make contact with us and we will go over any missing documents or questions you may have.

Contact the Cheyenne, Arapaho Housing Authority at (580) 331-2400, if you have any questions or comments.

Graduation banquet set

ATTENTION: High School Seniors, College Graduates

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes education department will host the annual graduation banquet for tribal graduates on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at the Frisco Center located in Clinton, Okla. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. Each graduate will be invited to bring two guests.

All high school and college/university graduates should submit a short bio and a digital photo to wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org. Please list your school name, city, future plans, and your top five outstanding awards/honors, including valedictorian or salutatorian honors.

High school seniors should send a completed gaming application, a CDIB, and a letter from their school registrar stating they have enough credit hours to graduate with the Class of 2010.

Students will then receive an invitation

to the banquet and be eligible to receive the incentive award. The early incentive checks are provided for students who attend the graduation banquet only. Students who will graduate after summer 2010 will be invited to the banquet but will not receive an incentive until after they have graduated. Students who graduate in December 2010, will be honored with the 2011 graduating class.

College graduates must submit a current degree evaluation, a letter from their college advisor, a CDIB, and a completed gaming application. The letter from the advisor should state the student will have met all requirements to receive a degree in May 2010 or at end of Summer 2010. The letter should also state the type of degree to be received (i.e., associate degree, bachelor degree, masters degree). Once the paperwork is received, graduates will receive an invitation to the banquet. College graduates will not receive an incentive award until the

education department receives an official college transcript with confirmation of degree, a Gaming-Higher Ed application, and a CDIB.

Gaming applications can be downloaded from www.c-a-tribes.org/education. Contact the Gaming-Higher Education office for more information at (405) 422-7560 or e-mail wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org. The toll free number is (800) 247-4612 x-27560. The fax number is (405) 262-5419.

The education department has difficulties contacting out of service area and out of state students. If anyone has relatives or friends who are enrolled tribal members, and will be graduating from high school or attaining a degree, please inform them of this information and ask them to call our office. The banquet agenda will be published in the April *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune*. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in May.

Graduation expense allowance lowered

ATTENTION: All Cheyenne, Arapaho high school seniors, college grads

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education has recently reduced the high school graduation expense allowance for the 2009-2010 school year from \$200 to \$100.

This change has occurred due to budget limitations and will also apply to college graduates. The graduation expense request will be listed as No. 4 on the gaming application. We will need a copy of the following:

- A completed gaming education application.
- A copy of students CDIB.
- A letter from the school stating the student is eligible to graduate.
- An invoice of what they are requesting us to pay.

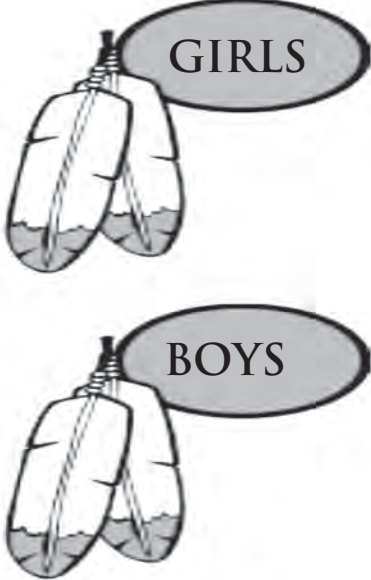
If you have any questions or comments, please contact the gaming higher education office at (405) 422-7560 of toll free (800) 247-4612 x-27560.

Sincerely,
Teresa Dorsett, executive education director

Attention freshmen higher education grant recipients: The second Progress Grade Report Form is due **March 26, 2010**. If you need to, please fax and mail the original form. **DON'T MISS OUT ON \$500 of your grant!** If you have any questions, contact Jerrolyn Doyebi in the higher education office at (405) 422-7653.

Attention: High school, college graduates:

Please submit a graduation photo to be included in a slide presentation during this year's graduation banquet. Along with the photo, please include a short biography, which states the school you will graduate from and college graduates should state what degree they plan to receive. You may scan and email your photo and short biography to: jdoyebi@c-a-tribes.org or mail to: Higher Education Program, Attn: Jerrolyn Doyebi, P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022



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Tribal members asked to share vision for future of Cheyenne, Arapaho tribal lands

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Comprehensive Plan:

Submitted article

We are the land ...

We acknowledge our relationship to the land and the legacy our ancestors entrusted to us, which is a remnant of our once vast land holdings. We envision a future of cultural wealth and wholeness where our children and elders live in a prosperous and sustainable geographic and sacred landscape that is our territory as Tsististas and Hinono’ei’. **-Dr. Henrietta Mann**

The comprehensive plan will articulate goals and establish recommended policies, which are meant to guide the stewardship of the land and resources within the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal lands.

The plan will also outline the framework within which the implementation strategy is to assist the tribal governing boards and the tribal members in evaluating the benefits associated with the land use proposals.

The plan will serve as an imperative tool for the tribes in promoting and maintaining a collaborative plan for the members in regards to public health, safety, and welfare as well as maintaining the importance of cultural identity.

The plan will also promote the integration of land use policies in all future land use development regulations as well as future capital improvements.

Tribal leaders and tribal members should be apart of the planning of the project. If the project site is to be located in a particular community, then the tribal members in that community should be involved by holding regular information meetings where ideas and information can be exchanged.

In this way, the community expresses a vested interest and can be the project’s biggest supporters. As an additional bonus, the project staff will learn more about the community for future project planning.

Tribal members are invited to participate in a series of public workshops throughout the winter,

spring and fall that will help to create the tribes’ first-ever comprehensive plan.

Again, this comprehensive plan will provide a “road map” for the tribes to responsibly develop our communities and land and define the future. It incorporates the values, goals and missions of the members and creates a framework from which to evaluate new opportunities or elements of change. Most importantly, it provides tribal members ownership and control of their future.

The first of these workshops are scheduled for March 25 and 26, 2010 in four separate locations, making it convenient for tribal members to attend.

A meal or refreshments and door prizes will be provided at each location:

- At 10 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2010**
El Reno Education Center
Canadian Square Shopping Center
1621 E. Hwy 66, El Reno, Okla
- At 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2010**
Watonga Community Building
Watonga, Okla.
- At 10 a.m. Friday, March 26, 2010**
Hammon Community Building
Hammon, Okla.
- At 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, 2010**
Clinton Senior Center
Clinton, Okla.

Wilma Mankiller diagnosed with cancer

Charlie Soap regrets to announce his wife Wilma Mankiller has been diagnosed with Stage IV Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer.

Mankiller is an author, lecturer and former Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Mankiller served 12 years in elected office at the Cherokee Nation, the first two as Deputy Principal Chief followed by 10 years as Principal Chief.

She retired from public office in 1995. Among her many honors, Mankiller has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by former President Bill Clinton.

Soap requests that the public respect the family’s privacy during this time.

In a brief statement, Mankiller said: “I decided to issue this statement because I want my family and friends to know that I am mentally and spiritually prepared for this journey; a journey that all human beings will take at one time or another. I learned a long time ago that I can’t control the challenges the Creator sends my way but I can control the way I think about them and deal with them. On balance, I have been blessed with an extraordinarily rich and wonderful life, filled with incredible expe-

riences. And I am grateful to have a support team composed of loving family and friends. I will be spending my time with my family and close friends and engaging in activities I enjoy. It’s been my privilege to meet and be touched by thousands of people in my life and I regret not being able to deliver this message personally to so many of you. If anyone wants to send a message to me, it is best to email me at wilmapmankiller@yahoo.com.”

Statement from Chad Smith, Cherokee Nation principal chief: “Wilma is a mentor and friend. It’s hard to express how much she means to me personally and the Cherokee people as a Nation. I’ve got one story that helps sum up what kind of person she is. The week after she received the Presidential Medal of Honor she was back home on the front porch of her family’s church. It was Memorial Day and there were decorations at the cemetery and it struck me how she could be just as comfortable meeting with the president as she was with her own people, honoring her ancestors. It was an image of someone who was truly humble, and you don’t meet too many people like that.



Photo by Dana Attocknie

Wilma Mankiller delivers a keynote address at the University of Oklahoma’s Native American Studies Symposium on Oct. 2, 2009 at the National Weather Center building in Norman, Okla. “It’s not just time to think outside the box, but throw the box away,” she said.

She is a true patriot of the Cherokee Nation, and it’s my privilege to follow in her footsteps as Chief. Any successes we have had in the past ten years since I took office were built upon the foundation she and Ross Swimmer helped lay. In the coming days, we will do whatever we can to assist her and her family, while allowing them the dignity and privacy they deserve.”

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Washita River runs alongside the site.

Acting Economic Development Director Chester Whiteman questioned if the word massacre could be used in the story or memorial on site.

“It needs to be in there somewhere ... it happened, you can’t cover the truth ... those are our people. The government can’t change what happened ... it is a massacre site ... call it what it is,” Whiteman said.

Mary Stoneroad said she thinks the government does not want to name it a massacre because they’ll have to accept responsibility and may think that money will be involved.

“But there’s a human story to it, a human side ... because when those little children died, someone ended their future ... to me they cut off a generation ... at Washita and at Sand

Creek,” Stoneroad said. “There was innocent blood that was shed there ... I for one only see it in Cheyenne eyes ... In my heart the blood that was spilled there was unnecessary.”

Frances Hamilton also said a lot of blood was spilled out there and it’s only fitting that the word massacre be used. He mentioned the children and elders who were there and said, “We’ve all had descendents out there.”

Stoneroad said if the people want to pursue using the word massacre then, “We’re going to have to have a good argument ... and a heart for it.”

She also discussed how younger generations don’t have a connection to what happened at Washita. She said if people don’t have a connection to someone who was in the massacre then those people don’t see them as human. She said people should look at it from the point-of-view that Washita was a place where people lost their lives. She also

said that although people read in books what Cheyenne’s did to white women, it’s rarely addressed what happened to Cheyenne women. She said the women and children were captured during that time and were kept in tents for the soldiers. “These women bore half-breeds,” she said.

Sam Hart spoke about a historian who told the story of Washita to his family and since he was a young boy, he said he never felt it was a battle. “It was a massacre,” he said.

“It has always bothered me why it was labeled Battle of Washita. I’m in favor of naming it massacre,” Hart said. “Don’t be afraid to identify it as a massacre. It really was.”

He told a story about the massacre and also questioned why Black Kettle was not at the main campsite. He shared his theory, but encouraged people to read and learn the history so they can

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Comprehensive Planning Kickoff Meetings

Thursday, March 25, 2010
10 a.m. Dept. of Education, El Reno
1:30 p.m. Watonga Community Building

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Friday, March 26, 2010
10 a.m. Hammon Community Building
1:30 p.m. Clinton Senior Center

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Tsististas, Hinono’ei’ student art competition

Submitted article

Sponsored by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes planning office and co-sponsored by the R.E.Sp. E.C.T. program

Envisioning the Future of the Tsististas and Hinono’ei’ is the theme for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ 2010 Comprehensive Planning Student Art Competition. The competition, which celebrates the continuation of our unique culture, is open to all federally recognized tribal students in grades Pre-K through 12 within the historical boundaries of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal lands. **The deadline for submissions is May 14, 2010.**

By supporting this competition, the Office of Planning and co-sponsoring program – R.E.Sp. E.C.T. hopes to inspire students to explore the future of their Native American culture through visual and performance art. Entries for the student art competition should relate to the theme Envisioning the Future of the Tsististas and Hinono’ei’ and reflect the importance of culture and heritage

as future generations of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Submissions will be judged in four different grade levels, and prizes will be awarded to the winners in both the visual arts and performance arts categories.

Winning performance arts students will be asked to perform their winning entry at the 66th annual Cheyenne and Arapaho powwow, as part of the Labor Day celebration in Colony, Okla.

The student art competition rules require that a student register their entry online or over the phone prior to submitting their entry. For additional information, rules, and entry form, please visit www.c-a-tribes.org, or visit the Office of Planning and Development or the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. office or e-mail manquoe@c-a-tribes.org, and/or call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27620.

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An evening with Harvey Pratt

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Harvey Pratt, considered one of the leading forensic artists in the United States, will present a lecture entitled: Police Forensic Art. Pratt pairs unmatched artistic talent with an intricate knowledge of human anatomy for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as the state’s only fulltime forensic artist. His resume includes work on cases the likes of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, James “Whitey” Buldger, and the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. His lecture will focus on the combination of science and art behind skull and soft tissue reconstructions, age progression, and witness description drawing.

Friday, March 26 • 6–8:00pm

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Howard Good Bear Fitness Center closes

To all participants of the Howard Good Bear Fitness Center in Watonga, Okla.:

This is to inform the participants of the fitness center that the facility will be closing at the end of the month due to lack of use by tribal members as well as a lack of sufficient funds to continue operations.

We are optimistic that there will be another fitness center there in Watonga in the future. Unfortunately, the Diabetes Wellness Program operates on a federal grant and does not have the funds to

continue sustaining the Watonga Fitness Center in this manner. We hope that in the future, the tribal members will keep the tribal health programs in mind when it comes to re-allocating funds from the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan that the tribes have.

The last day of operation for the Watonga Fitness Center is Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this decision, please contact Chris Tall Bear at (405) 422-7679.

Respectfully, The Diabetes Wellness Program staff

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. volleyball league

Submitted article/photos

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program held a co-ed volleyball league for five weeks beginning on Feb. 7. 2010.



2 Live Crew

A total of ten teams entered from surrounding tribal communities. League play lasted for four weeks ending with a tournament the fifth week. Red Nation took third, You Got Served took second, and 2 Live Crew took first.



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Join the Diabetes Wellness staff for lunch and learn how to eat healthy while on a budget and how to perform stretching exercises at your desk. Get healthy tips on nutrition, physical activity and fitness.

When: Wednesday, March 24th

Time: Noon to 1:00pm

Location: Willie Fletcher Wellness Center (Conference Room)

Topic: Healthy Eating on a Budget and Stretching Exercises at Your Desk

EATING

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DIABETES

By Kristie Purdy, MA, RD/LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Making Healthy Lifestyle Changes

Many of us say we want to live healthier lives, but when it gets down to it we have a hard time making the lifestyle changes necessary to create healthy habits to last a lifetime.

It's never too late to take steps toward a healthier lifestyle. Even small changes can have a big effect on overall health and well-being.

The first step in making any change toward a healthier lifestyle is to make a specific plan. Do not just say "I'm going to be healthier." List specific ways in which you are planning to lead a healthier life.

Whether you state you are going to walk 30 minutes a day, five days a week, or start by eating breakfast in the morning, state exactly what you are going to do.

Start with a few small changes at a time and set realistic goals. When we try to change all of our habits at once we tend to become overwhelmed and eventually quit. It is best to make changes step-by-step. You may start by making a small change by simply snacking on a piece of fruit in the afternoon. Once you have made one small change in habit, you may want to consider making another small change.

Do not just make a change to make a change. Have a good reason to make a change. Avoid making statements such as "I'm going to refuse those morning doughnuts at the office." Have a reason as to why you are going to refuse those morning doughnuts. Instead think, "I'm going to refuse those morning doughnuts to decrease my fat intake and reduce my risk of developing heart disease."

Do not make changes alone. Many people find they have an easier time making healthy lifestyle changes when they let a few supportive friends and family members know what they are doing.

The support from these people can help to hold you accountable in making new healthy habits. A personal support system can also help to get you through those times when you have hit a bump in the road.

Be more forgiving. Many times we have an all or nothing attitude. This is the wrong attitude to have. It is impossible to be perfect 100 percent of the time.

It may be hard, but try not to judge yourself. Just because you may not have reached your goal on a certain day does not mean you are a bad person or you lack will-power. Whether it is the next hour or the next day, jump back on the wagon at any time.

Jump in and make a change. So many times we say we will start our new healthy habit next week, next month, or even next year. Many times when we think of when we are going to start doing something, we come up with excuses as to why we cannot do something.

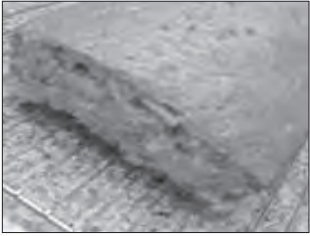
Expect success! People who doubt themselves are more likely to fail. Do not tell yourself "we'll see if I can do this" or "it probably won't last long."

Tell yourself you can do it! An enthusiastic approach will set you up for success in making those healthy lifestyle changes a lifelong habit.

For questions concerning nutrition, diabetes or weight management, please contact the C-A Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7688.

Pork and Bean Bread

by Forrest LittleBird



Cooking with commods

1 (15 ounce) can pork and beans (vegetarian beans)

4 eggs

3 cups all-purpose flour

2 cups white sugar

1 cup vegetable oil

3 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1 cup chopped walnuts or any nut of your choice. (Optional)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease and flour two 9x5x3 inch loaf pans.

2. Puree undrained pork and beans in a blender or food processor.

3. In a large bowl, combine eggs, flour, sugar, salt, oil, cinnamon, vanilla, baking soda and baking powder. Mix well. Gently fold in nuts and pureed pork and beans. Divide batter into pans evenly.

4. Bake for 60 minutes, or until bread tests done.

COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Respect Program—Clinton Site will be having a coed volleyball league starting on Friday April 2, 2010 and ending on Friday April 30, 2010, There will be a tournament at the end of the league on Saturday May 8, 2010.

***The League will be for Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members only!**

***You must show your CDIB before playing first game**

***You must be 18 years or older to play**

***Eight person roster limit**

***Five players on the court, three women and two men NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

***DEADLINE TO SIGN UP A TEAM: by 5:00p.m Monday March 29, 2010.**

For more Information or to sign up your team contact Respect Clinton office at (580) 331-2601 or 2602



BRIEFS

The 2010 Food Safety Education Conference
March 23-26, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Ga. To register visit www.fsis.usda.gov/Atlanta2010 or for more information contact Cynthia Ellis at (800) NSF-MARK, ext. 5681.

The National Council for History Education Conference
March 25-27 in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register go to www.nche.net/conference.

Battling Methamphetamine Abuse in Indian Country
March 29-31, 2010 at the Sheraton in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Improving Campus-Wide Response to an Emergency Conference
March 29-31, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, Ill. To register or for more information call (720) 488-6800.

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Education Workshop-Autism and Special Education Services
March 29, 2010 at the Kiamichi Technology Center in McAlester, Okla. To register go to www.sde.state.ok.us/Services/Conference/default.html.

The 35th annual Indian Law Conference
April 8-9, 2010 at the Hilton Buffalo Thunder in, Santa Fe, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.nationalnalsa.org.

The sixth annual Confer-

ence on Endangered Languages and Cultures of Native America
April 9-10, 2010 at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information email Jennifer Mitchell at j.mitchell@utah.edu, or Lyle Campbell at lyle.campbell@linguistics.utah.edu.

The 38th annual Symposium on the American Indian Taking Shape
April 14-17, 2010 at the Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. Guest speakers include Dr. Henryetta Mann.

For more information visit www.okhighered.org/newsletter/stories/012010-NSU-American-Indian.html.

The 2010 Western Institute of Nursing annual Communicating and Nursing Research Conference-Nursing Science: Informing Practice and Driving Policy
April 14-17, 2010 in Glendale, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.ohsu.edu/son/win.

The 2010 Oklahoma Workshop on Native American Languages
April 17-18, 2010 at the Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. For more information or to register visit abyayala.nl/en/event/2009/oklahoma-workshop-native-american-languages-ownal-2010.

Tribal Elections-Ordinances and Procedures Conference
April 20-21, 2010 in San Diego, Calif. For more information call (800) 888-1027 or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

Sage uses his education to begin a career

Submitted article

The families of Corey Sage are honoring him and would like to invite the community, friends and relatives to come out and celebrate his graduation from Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City (OSU-OKC).

Sage accomplished a 3.5 GPA, which put him on the President’s Honor Roll. He’s overcome many struggles in his 27 years and his family wants him to know how proud we are of him.

Sage also wants to include other graduates, so whether you’re graduating from a high school, university or technical-vocational school, please come out and celebrate your accomplishments with him at his graduation dance on Saturday April 17, 2010 at the Concho Community Building. Gourd dancing will begin at 2 p.m. and supper is at 5 p.m.

Sage is the son of Anna and the late Michael Sage, Sr. His paternal grandparents are the late Nelson, Jr. and Lydia Sage (Sage Bark) of Geary, Okla. His maternal grandparents are the late R. L. and Mary Scabby of Hammon, Okla.

He and his wife of three years, Shana, are the proud parents of a 1-year-old son, Curtis Allan Sage, whose Cheyenne name is Mae-notze Vomentz.

He recently began employment with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Economic Development program using his degree in veteri-



Courtesy photo

Corey Sage accepts his pin in December 2009 during a pinning ceremony for the OSU-OKC in veterinary technology branch at the OSU-OKC campus.

nary technology and is working with the buffalo herd.

Everyone come out and enjoy good food, music and dancing. We send a special invitation to all of the elders. A-Ho.

Guru in sweat lodge deaths released on bond

(CAMP VERDE, Ariz.) – A motivational speaker charged with manslaughter in the deaths of three people at a sweat lodge ceremony is out of jail. Yavapai County Jail Sgt. Dee Huntley says James Arthur Ray gained his freedom Friday, Feb. 26, 2010 one day after a Yavapai County Superior Court judge reduced his bond from \$5 million to \$525,000.

Ray had to surrender his passport. He also cannot organize, supervise or conduct any activities that might harm others. Ray has pleaded not guilty to three counts of manslaughter stemming from an October sweat lodge ceremony in Arizona that was supposed to be the highlight of a five-day “Spiritual Warrior” retreat. Prosecutors allege Ray recklessly crammed more than 50 people inside the sweat lodge, a small heated enclosure used in traditional American Indian ceremonies.

The order does not restrict Ray from travel in the United States or specifically from conducting self-help seminars he built a business on, but he must first provide a written itinerary to his attorneys and to the court upon request.

One of Ray’s attorneys, Luis Li, said in a statement that he was pleased the bond was reduced and that Ray “looks forward to his day in court.”

Yavapai County Superior Court Judge Warren Darrow has said a trial date would be set at the next hearing, scheduled in mid-March.

The bail is less than the \$1.5 million that prosecutors had contended was appropriate to ensure Ray’s appearance in court. A spokeswoman for the prosecutors’ office declined to comment on the bond, citing fair trial rights.

Ray’s attorneys had asked that he be released without bail or that bond set at a minimum. They argued he could not afford even a \$1 million bond, isn’t a flight risk or a threat to public safety and has no criminal record.

Hermia Nelson, 45, said she and others have been holding conference calls and prayer circles in support of Ray’s release and was hopeful that he now might speak out about his side of the story and continue his teachings.

“His teachings absolutely need to go on, in whatever form I’m sure it will become clear down the road what that will be,” said Nelson, of New York.

The mother of a woman who died following the sweat lodge ceremony said Ray’s very words are harmful and questioned how a man who publicly bragged about his wealth and his ability to teach others to be-

come wealthy couldn’t afford the \$5 million bond.

“I’m shocked that what had been asked for wasn’t within his means based on everything he said he had and who he was,” said Virginia Brown from her home in Westtown, N.Y. “Was he lying then or is he lying now?”

Exactly how much money Ray has was the focus of the bond reduction hearing that stretched over two days.

A witness for the prosecution testified that Ray was worth a “conservative” \$2.4 million and questioned why some of his money was unaccounted for.

Ray’s attorneys said he had nothing to hide and voluntarily submitted financial documents to authorities. Ray’s financial controller testified that much of his boss’s money has gone to legal fees and creditors, and that his net worth was negative \$4.2 million.

Many participants of Ray’s sweat lodge have said Ray chided them for wanting to leave, even as people were vomiting, getting burned by hot rocks and lying unconscious on the ground.

Ray’s attorneys have called the deaths a tragic accident and said he took all the necessary precautions and immediately tended to the ill.

Comanche Nation College resolves transcript issue

(LAWTON, Okla.) — Comanche Nation College officials recently reviewed the transcript and testing eligibility issues between the administration and its nursing program’s first cohort of students. Many of the problems lie with the original structure of the program, in which students had nine to 18 months of “flex time” to complete the program by February 2010. However, the students who did not fulfill all prerequisite course requirements were still allowed to “walk” in a graduation ceremony led by the former nursing director, Carlotta Nowell.

A recent story by KSWO-TV that originally aired Feb. 25, 2010 stated that Comanche Nation College was withholding transcripts from its nursing program’s first cohort and, in essence, “holding them hostage.” However, when the students of Cohort 1 began the program, student demographic data, course structure, and grading structure should have been developed, and was not, at the onset of the nursing program offered in August 2008. The inability to input completion data ultimately impacted the transcript process at the time students completed the program, 15-18 months later.

“The perception of the students is that they ‘walked,’ and that they; therefore, had fulfilled all the graduation requirements,” said Dr. Consuelo Lopez, Comanche Nation College president, “but this was not true.”

Comanche Nation College has been working closely with the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (OBN) to deliver the transcripts in a proper format for all eligible students who have completed the program.

“Transcripts were hand delivered to the OBN on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010 for three students who met all the requirements for the completion of the nursing program,” Lopez said. “There are five students who have not completed the prerequisite courses/program and will not be recommended to the board for testing at this time.”

Since the transition of the nursing program in November 2009, the new director, Marsha Tahquechi, has set all the critical parameters for the nursing program, and CNC has extended every available resource to assist all nursing students in their program completion of prerequisites, mentorship, clinicals, and ATI’s. The college will continue to work closely with the nursing students to provide options for completion of their program.

“While students express frustration with the nursing program, the Comanche Nation College is responsible for insuring the integrity of the programs and courses that are offered,” Lopez said. “Most colleges and universities allow graduates who are close to graduating to participate in a ceremony. A ceremony is well known in academia not to guarantee that they have graduated.”



Courtesy photos

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Clinton Head Start students celebrated Valentine’s day on Thursday Feb. 11, 2010 with a party.

Parents and students enjoyed refreshments, exchanged Valentine’s and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The R.e.sp.e.c.t. Program

Elders Exercise Days

Every Mondays and Wednesday starting March 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Clinton R.e.sp.e.c.t. building. All tribal Elders are welcome!

For more information, please contact the R.e.sp.e.c.t. program at 580.331.2601 Ext. 32601 or 32602

CALENDAR of Events

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Spring Fling

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 15, 2010 at Roman Nose State Park. Registration at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 27585.

Cheyenne and Arapaho District 2 community meeting

For the Kingfisher and Okarche area at 7 p.m. March 16, 2010 at the Rose State Bank Community Room, 1209 S. Main Street, in Kingfisher, Okla. For more information call the C-2 district office at (405) 422-7595 or 7573, or the A-2 district office at (405) 422-7419 or 7431.

TURTLE Camp 2010

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 17-19, 2010 at the First American United Methodist Church, 1950 Beaumont Drive, in Norman, Okla. TURTLE camp is for American Indian children 7-9 years old, and is part of the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Youth Wellness Programs. Children will learn “how to make healthy lifestyle choices through nutrition, physical activity and diabetes education.” Registration is limited to 50 children. For more information, call Diane Clayton at (405) 948-4900 ext. 160.

Third annual Cheyenne, Arapaho Studies Conference

March 18-19, 2010 at the University of Colorado, Auraria campus in Denver, Colo. The theme is “C&A Revisited.” Open to the public. No registration fee. For more information, call Gail Wilcox at (580) 774-3139 or Theresa Gutierrez at (303) 556-2860.

Denver March powwow

March 19-21, 2010 at the Denver Coliseum in Denver, Colo. For more information call (303) 934-8045 or visit www.denvermarch-powwow.org

Honor Wedding Dance

For Luay Shayya and Sara Roya Shadaram on March 20, 2010 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla. Blessing by Cheyenne Arrowkeeper Bill Red Hat, Jr., Cheyenne wedding ceremony 1 p.m., Dinner at 2 p.m., Dance to follow at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Concho Employee Reunion

For all former Concho, BIA, IHS and school employees and families. Begins at noon on March 20, 2010 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ education building in El Reno, Okla. Remember to take pictures for display, a gift for the gag gift exchange and a favorite dish for the potluck dinner. For more information, e-mail Becky Dyer at lipsofine49@yahoo.com.

Smoking Cessation class

From 1 to 4 p.m. March 20, 2010 at the fitness center in Clinton, Okla. For more information call Margie Deer at (800) 749-4583 ext. 27676.

The 2009 outgoing Miss Indian OKC princess honor dance

March 20, 2010 at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 615 East Robinson Street, in Norman, Okla. Gourd dancing at 1:30 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., gourd dancing at 6 p.m. and grand entry at 7 p.m. Vendors welcome, call Kay at (405) 205-7770. For more information call Kayrene Chavez at (405) 205-7770 or email Shirley Wapskineh at swapskineh@sbeglobal.net. visit www.missindianokc.org.

Randy Travis concert

At 7:30 p.m. March 21, 2010 at Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Elder Exercise Days

From 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday Beginning March 22, 2010 at the Clinton R.E.Sp.E.C.T building. For more information, call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 27585.

S.A.P.S.W.O.I. meeting

Rom noon to 1:30 p.m. March 22, 2010 in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College conference room on the campus of SWOSU in Weatherford, Okla. (Science building room 102). Substance Abuse Prevention Services for Western Oklahoma Indians (S.A.P.S.W.O.I.) “is a program that uses evidence based strategies in the communities and school systems to help educate Native American youth and families about the dangers of substance abuse.”

Confirmation/Nomination Hearings

From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 23, 2010 in the large conference room at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal complex. Addressing the Departments of Enrollment, Housing, Treasury, Justice, Social Services, Administration and Gaming Commissioners.

Lunch & Learn

From noon to 1 p.m. March 24, 2010 at the Willie Fletcher Wellness Center in Concho, Okla. Topic: Healthy eating on a budget and stretching exercises at your desk. Sponsored by the Diabetes Wellness staff.

Cheyenne and Arapaho District 2 community meeting

For the Calumet and Geary area at 6:30 p.m. March 25, 2010 at the Geary Community Building in Geary, Okla. For more information call the C-2 district office at (405) 422-7595 or 7573, or the A-2 district office at (405) 422-7419 or 7431.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes comprehensive planning meeting

At 10 a.m. March 25, 2010 at the tribes education building in El Reno, Okla. and at 1:30 p.m. in the Watonga Community Building in Watonga, Okla. For more information, call (405) 422-7620.

Special Session of the Legislature

At 10 a.m. March 26, 2010 at the old BIA office in Concho, Okla.

TRIBAL TRIBUNE DEADLINES

The 8th and 23rd of each month.

Official: Tribal children need ‘healthy families’

(SANTA ANA PUEBLO, N.M.) - Making more arrests and throwing more offenders behind bars will not bring an end to the crimes against children and other violence that is plaguing many of the nation’s American Indian communities, a federal official for Indian affairs said March 9, 2010.

“We will not arrest ourselves out of this problem,” said Larry Echo Hawk, the U.S. Interior Department’s assistant secretary for Indian Affairs. “We need to create healthy families that will raise children that will not be diverted into avenues of crime.”

The former prosecutor, state attorney general and law professor gave the keynote address at the start of a three-day national symposium focused on the protection of children in Indian country. Organizers say the U.S. Department of Justice symposium is the first of its kind.

Lawyers, tribal leaders, police officers and social workers were sharing ideas and being trained on how to spot child abuse, help runaways and other at-risk children, prevent the online exploitation of children and address drug and alcohol abuse and its impact on Indian children.

The problems aren’t new, however. Echo Hawk said many of them are deeply rooted in the mistreatment of Indians by the federal government over the past two centuries.

He pointed to the Long Walk, a brutal and deadly march in the 1860s from Navajo and Mescalero Apache homelands in the Southwest to a desolate tract in eastern New Mexico.

The suffering experienced by the Navajos and Mescalero Apache was not confined to one generation, he said.

“In this scenario of struggle, problems have been created from generation to generation. ... It’s not over. I think this still plagues our communities across the country,” he said.

Those at the symposium pointed to crime rates higher than the

national average, faltering graduation rates for Indian high schoolers, incidences of suicide and rape, child abuse and abduction.

More than 360 children have been confirmed missing from tribal land and those reported cases likely represent only one-quarter of all the children who have gone missing in Indian Country, said Phil Keith, a program director for the Amber Alert program and a former Knoxville, Tenn., police chief.

Amber Alert plans have been developed in more than a dozen tribal communities, but Keith said the idea is to get those participating in the symposium to “think outside of the box” to develop more ways of preventing crimes against children.

In Oklahoma, attorney Geri Wisner-Foley said she often gets frustrated over the lack of resources, trained personnel and funding.

“It’s as if we’ve been given a little Band-Aid to treat a mortal wound. We’ve got a big problem here,” she said. “Hopefully, we’ll get bigger bandages to address really what the wound is.”

Echo Hawk said the Obama administration has sought increased budget allocations for Indian Affairs and has proposed sending more federal agents and social workers to Indian country.

He acknowledged the federal government’s trust responsibility to protect Indian people, but he said the focus should be placed on empowering tribal governments.

“They are the true stakeholders. We need to develop their justice systems and their law enforcement systems and their social service systems so they can govern their own people,” Echo Hawk said.

Echo Hawk left a vision in which the federal government would no longer be needed in Indian County, although he acknowledged that it might not happen within his lifetime.

“The sovereign nations of native people would stand tall and handle their own situations. That is the direction this nation ought to go,” he said.

Informant’s death throws artifacts case into doubt

(SALT LAKE CITY) - The prosecution of the largest-ever American Indian artifacts looting case has been rattled by the apparent suicide of the government informant who broke open the investigation during more than two years of undercover work.

The death marks the third suicide in the case since investigators announced last June that they had charged more than two dozen people with illegally excavating, collecting and dealing artifacts including pottery, stone pipes and ancient jewelry.

Two defendants killed themselves shortly after their arrests, and now the government has lost its most important witness to a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Ted Gardiner wore a wire and transmitted live video and audio signals to federal agents who monitored his transactions with a cast of dealers and collectors in Western states. Court documents and interviews with Gardiner showed that he was troubled by a divorce battle and money and alcohol problems. Gardiner was a 52-year-old former grocery chain CEO and acknowledged artifacts expert and dealer.

Gardiner also battled with his FBI handlers over his compensation and his demand for security from threats he perceived because of his pivotal role in a sting operation that led to charges against 26 people in Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

“My dirty laundry doesn’t have anything to do with this case,” Gardiner told The Associated Press in one of a series of lengthy interviews last year before federal agents ordered him to stop talking.

Gardiner was said to have been bothered by the suicide of two defendants and felt sympathy for them.

“I was in these people’s homes,” Gardiner told the AP in July. “I was considered a close family friend.”

More recently he seemed despondent to his 23-year-old son.

“He had a history of mental problems and substance abuse, and this case seemed to aggravate those problems,” Dustin Gardiner said Wednesday March 3, 2010. “The two suicides laid on him heavily.”

Gardiner provided evidence that prosecutors said was essential to bringing charges: He and defendants discussed digging in camouflage or by moonlight and looting in spring when the dirt softens up and before the heat of summer. At another point, the informant watched a suspect dig up an ancient burial site and kicked out a skull on the third shovelful.

Government prosecutors are reassessing how to proceed without the live testimony of Gardiner, and will have to rely on the audio and video evidence he helped gather before his death.

He was expected to testify at the first trial of one of the defendants on March 29, 2010 - a date that has now been thrown into doubt, according to U.S. Attorney for Colorado David Gaouette.

“We’re assessing the status of the evidence as it now exists,” Gaouette said. “There are ways to get videotaped evidence into trial without having the individual present.”

One defense attorney said Gardiner’s death has thrown the case into disarray.

“It’s wild, sad. That’s three deaths in this case,” said Mark Moffat, who represents two of the Utah defendants. “I’ve been doing this for 23 years, and I never had an informant pass away between indictment and trial. It’s caught us off guard. We’re trying to figure out what it means.”

Gardiner’s 89-year-old father, who sparked his son’s interest in artifacts from an early age, was distraught.

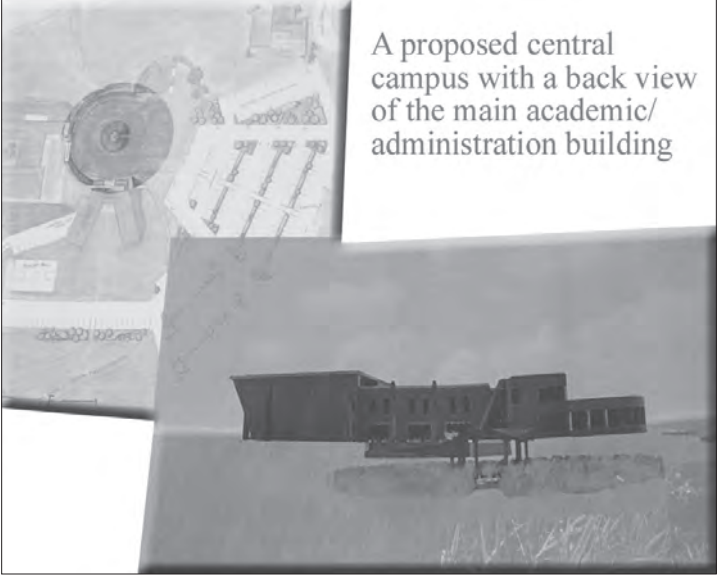
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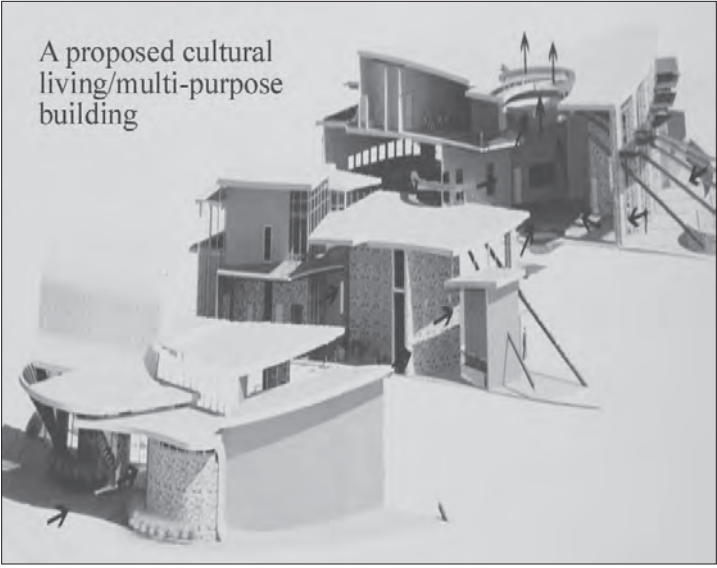


Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Gov. Janice Boswell and Lt. Gov. Leslie Harjo present Lynn Paxson, Iowa State University associate professor, with a shawl Feb. 25, 2010 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal complex.



A proposed central campus with a back view of the main academic/administration building



A proposed cultural living/multi-purpose building

will be a model for other colleges.

Sarah Sandor, graduate student senior, worked on designs for the CATC tribal college last year and this year. Her presentation of the proposed academic/administration building will use rainwater to power a geothermal energy system.

“We designed the central campus so that it transforms into an outdoor arena for powwows and celebrations and we have taken into account areas for the drummers and for seating. During other times when it is not being used as an arena, it will be a central arbor for students,” Sandor said.

Sandor said in order for them (the students) to be able to design a tribal college campus, they first had to learn the history of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

“We have read books, learned a lot from Dr. Mann and others at the tribal college about the tribe, so we could design a college campus that will reflect the tribal customs and culture,” Sandor said.

During the students’ visit they toured the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal complex. They met several tribal employees and learned about the different programs the tribes offer to tribal members.

RESPECT INTERTRIBAL
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT



March 28, 2010
Clinton Respect Gym

Women’s double Elimination Tournament

It is an open tournament, you must be Native American, CDIB’s will be checked before the team is allowed to play. Eight person roster limit-18 and older. Each team should arrive 20 minutes before first game to check in. Any player not showing proof of Indian blood will not be allowed to play.

DEADLINE TO ENTER YOUR TEAM: BY 5 PM MARCH 24, 2010

To register a team or for more information contact the Respect-Clinton office at (580) 331-2601 or 2602

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Canton - March 23
Hammon - March 25
Seiling - March 30
Geary - April 1

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Youth Activities, Games, Ice Breakers,
Speakers & Door Prizes!
Small meal to be provided for participants.



For More Information, please contact the RESpECT Program at 1.800.247.4612
Ext. 27570 or 27576.



Adult co-ed
bowling League



Will be on Wednesday nights

Begin: April 7, 2010
End: May 26, 2010
The bowling league is for
Cheyenne & Arapaho Adults
or Native Americans who re-
side within the C & A service

4 players per team with 1 alternate
Limited to the first 14 teams due to
Number of lanes. TIME: 7pm — UNTIL

To register your team or for more
information, contact the Clinton
R.E.Sp.E.C.T. office @ (580) 331-2601

Easter Egg Hunt 

Inviting all Tribal Youth and Elders!

Saturday, April 3, 2010
12:00 p.m.
Concho Ball Fields &
Clinton Activity Center

Age Divisions
3 & Under 4 - 6
7—10 11—14
15—18 Elders

For more information, please contact
the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program at
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VA Medical Center welcomes new leadership

The Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center is pleased to announce the appointment of Brian A. Hawkins, MHA, as the facility’s Medical Center director, and Bryan C. Matthews, MBA, as the new associate director.

Both Hawkins and Matthews arrive from Maryland where Hawkins served as the associate director of finance for the VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) and Matthews served as the executive assistant to the associate director of VAMHCS.

As Chief Executive Officer, Hawkins will provide leadership and strategic guidance to this primary and secondary care center that employs over 1,000 people.

The medical center serves a 25-county area with approximately 58,000 veterans currently enrolled.

The medical center operates an outpatient clinic at the Muskogee facility and community based outpatient clinics in Tulsa, Harts-horne, and Vinita, Okla.

Hawkins also served as the associate director and site manager for the Perry Point

VA Medical Center in Maryland. Other positions within VHA include business office director at the VA Tennessee Valley Health-care System, associate chief financial officer at the Atlanta VA Medical Center, and senior budget analyst at the West Side (Jesse Brown) VA Medical Center in Chicago, Ill. Hawkins began his career as a clerk/typist at the Hines VA Medical Center in Hines, Ill.

A native of Little Rock, Ark., he holds a bachelor’s degree from Southern Illinois University and a master’s in health administration from Governors State University. He is a 2007 graduate of VA’s Healthcare Leadership Institute and Leadership VA, as well as a 2009 Federal Executive Institute selectee.

He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, American Pilot and Aircraft Owners Association, and Rotary Club International.

Matthews was appointed associate director of the Jack C. Montgomery VAMC on Jan. 31, 2010. As associate director, he serves as the facility’s chief operating offi-

cer charged with day-to-day operations and management of the facility’s \$200 million annual budget and has direct responsibility for acquisitions & materiel management, business office, canteen, education, facilities management, fiscal, human resources, nutrition and food, police and voluntary services.

He began his VA career at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit, Mich., as the chief of supply, processing and distribution, and later as the administrative assistant to the associate director.

He then transferred to the VA Maryland Healthcare System in Baltimore, Md., as the executive assistant to the associate director. Prior to joining the Department of Veterans Affairs, he served in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years.

Matthews is a graduate of the University of Maryland and received his master’s degree in Healthcare Management from the University of Phoenix. He is currently a member of the 2010 Executive Career Field Career Development Program.



CALENDAR of Events

The 2010 Miss, Jr, and Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City competition/performance

At 6:30 p.m. March 26, 2010 at the Destiny Christian Center, 3801 SE 29th St. Del City, Okla. For more information, call Shirley Wapskineh at (405) 632-5227. Visit www.misindianokc.org or www.okcic.com.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes comprehensive planning meeting

At 10 a.m. March 26, 2010 at the Hammon Community Building in Hammon, Okla. and at 1:30 p.m. at the Clinton Senior Center in Clinton, Okla. For more information, call (405) 422-7620.

Special Tribal Council Meeting

At 10 a.m. March 27, 2010 at the Elk City Junior High cafeteria, 411 North Oliver, in Elk City, Okla. For more information call Tribal Council Coordinator Rachel Lynn at (405) 422-7430 or toll free at (800) 749-4583 ext. 27430, or e-mail rlynn@c-a-tribes.org.

Josiah Sage’s fourth birthday dance

March 27, 2010 at the Sax & Fox powwow grounds, 5 ½ miles south of Stroud, Okla. Gourd dancing at 2 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. and grand entry at 7 p.m. All vendors and drums welcome. For more information, call Sylvia Exendine at (918) 987-0084.

Marietta Kay Jones first birthday NAC Meeting

March 27, 2010 at the Rollin Haag Native American Church Building in Concho, Okla. George Akeen in charge. Sponsored by Laura Jones, Lydia and Bill West. For more information, call (405) 837-6755.

Paranormal Conference

March 27, 2010 at the Centre Theatre in El Reno, Okla. For more information visit www.ghouli.org.

First Veterans Honor Dance

March 27, 2010 at the Kaw Nation Community Center in Kaw City, Okla. For more information, call Lucinda Myers at (405) 946-7072 or visit www.kawnation.com.

Benefit Handgame Tournament

For the Comanche Nation College (CNC) Student Government Association, on March 28, 2010 on the CNC campus, 1608 S.W. 9th, in Lawton, Okla. For more information, call Brian Daffron at (580) 591-0203.

All Nations Native American Powwow

March 28-29, 2010 at the Agri-Business Building in Arkansas City, Kan. For more information call (620) 442-2113 or email cvb@arkcitychamber.org.

The Sixth annual Caney Valley Indian Education Pow-wow

March 28-April 1, 2010 at the Caney Valley High School, Bullup Blvd. in Caney, Kan. For more information contact Marsha Wilmoth at (620) 515-0660 or (620) 879-9240.

Ninth annual To Bridge A Gap Conference

March 29-April 1, 2010 at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, Okla. Hosted by the Muscogee Creek Nation in collaboration with the National Forest Service. For more information, contact Joyce Bear, MCN, Cultural Preservation Department at (918) 732-7731; or Johnnie Jacobs at (918) 732-7835, johnniej@muscogeenation-nsn.gov or visit www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

Kiowa Tribe Indian Child Welfare Powwow

April 2, 2010 at the Red Buffalo Hall in Carnegie, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 6 p.m. Grand entry at 7:30 p.m. Contests and social dancing from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. For more information call Summer at (580) 654-2349 or by email at smorgan@kiowatribe.net.

“The Moving Wall” benefit dance

April 3, 2010 at the Tri-County Building in Geary, Okla. Supper is at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. The traveling Vietnam War Memorial will be at the 79th annual American Indian Exposition opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. Aug. 5, 2010. A special invitation is sent to all tribal princesses. Raffle and cake walk items appreciated.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Easter Egg Hunt

At noon April 3, 2010 at the Concho ball fields and Clinton Activity center. For more information, call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 27585.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Elders Day Out

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 7, 2010 at the Watonga Community Building in Watonga, Okla. For more information call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 27585.

Third annual “Preparing for the seventh generation: The journey continues in commercial tobacco control”

April 7, 8, 9, 2010 at the National Center for Employee Development, 2801 State Highway 9 in Norman, Okla. No registration fee.

Northern Arapaho Sundance sponsor dance

For Ryan Ortiz and Alfred Spoonhunter, Jr. April 10, 2010 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Building, in Watonga, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. Special invitation to all Arapaho chiefs. No giveaway to the head staff, just to the Sundance sponsors. For more information, contact the sponsors, Grant Fletcher and the Lumpmouth family, at (405) 884-2241.

Oklahoma City University Native American Society annual spring contest powwow

April 10, 2010 at the OCU Freede Wellness Center in Oklahoma City.

Apache Rattlesnake festival/powwow

April 15-18, 2010 at Fair Park in Apache, Okla. For more information, call Clorandia at (580) 588-2060 or e-mail clorandiat-satoke@yahoo.com.

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Elders Day Out

Wednesday, April 7th, 2010
Watonga Community Building
10:00 am— 3:00 pm

Transportation Schedule

Seiling—Shell Gas Station	9:00 a.m.
Canton— Shell Gas Station	9:30 a.m.
El Reno-Wal Mart	9:00 a.m.
Geary-Comm Bldg.	9:30 a.m.
Elk City-Love’s	8:00 a.m.
Hammon-Comm Bldg	8:30 a.m.
Thomas-Terrier Express	9:30 a.m.
Clinton-Homeland	8:30 a.m.
Weatherford-Wal Mart	9:00 a.m.



Egg Decorating Contest

Easter Egg Hunt

Exercise Bingo

For more information please contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program @ 1.800.247.4612 Ext. 27570 or 27585





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Redford collaborates on New Mexico film program

(SANTA FE, N.M.) - Actor and director Robert Redford and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson unveiled details Friday Feb. 26, 2010 of a collaboration that will expand training opportunities for Native Americans and Hispanics interested in filmmaking, the arts and the environment.

Redford and Richardson first announced the “Sundance in New Mexico” idea last spring. In recent months, it has evolved and been given a new name - “Milagro at Los Luceros” - to better reflect that the institute will be a product of New Mexico, rather than just an offshoot of Redford’s Sundance Institute in Utah.

“It’s a name that reflects the spirit of the land and the passion of its people,” Richardson said at a news conference.

The project will be based at Los Luceros, a state-owned hacienda and complex of buildings along the Rio Grande north of Espanola. Besides the historic buildings, the state will use \$750,000 in federal stimulus funds to build a series of eco-friendly lodges where aspiring filmmakers can stay while attending workshops.

Redford and Richardson signed an agreement to formalize the partnership. Redford said he has been committed throughout his life to enabling “underrepresented voices” - particularly those of Native Americans and Hispanics - to tell their stories.

Growing up, he said, he watched films that misrepresented American Indian culture and vowed that if he could ever do something to change that, he would.

“What I would like to see in Los Luceros is these cultures telling their stories in their own way, on their own turf,” Redford said. “They’re not over at Sundance telling these stories. They’re here where their cultures were raised. This environment, I think, is very important.”

Milagro at Los Luceros will be like a work-study program.

Participants won’t have to pay for writing workshops or actors’ labs, but they will be required to give back to the community in some way, whether by fixing fences at the property or encouraging local elementary students through classroom visits.

Beginning in the spring, Los Luceros

will host a series of workshops and discussions as well as free screenings of Redford’s “The Milagro Beanfield War,” which he filmed in northern New Mexico in 1988.

There will also be an actor’s lab designed specifically for Native American and Hispanic actors who will be chosen by a panel of professionals after audition workshops around the state.

Officials said it will be the first lab of its kind and used as a national training model for diverse populations.

Richardson described the partnership with Redford as rare.

“It’s extraordinary for a person the caliber and stature of Bob Redford to collaborate with state government to create a new kind of initiative that will address film and film arts as they relate to jobs and jobs training,” Richardson said. “It’s a great gift from Bob Redford to the state of New Mexico.”

Redford said establishing Milagro at Los Luceros is not unlike the beginnings of the Sundance Institute.

“We’re starting in a very humble way and we’ll let it grow,” he said.

Social Security launches new open government Web page

Michael J. Astrue, Social Security commissioner, announced that the agency has a new Open Government Web page available to the public at www.socialsecurity.gov/open. The new Web page serves as the portal for all agency activities that support the President’s Transparency and Open Government initiative.

“Our new Open Government webpage gives Americans an opportunity to give us their ideas on how we can become a more open and transparent agency,” Astrue said. “They will be able to post their ideas on transparency, participation, collaboration, and innovation that should be included in our Open Government Plan. I encourage everyone to visit our Web page and submit their ideas, read and discuss what has been posted, and vote on the ideas that have been submitted.”

To submit ideas, click on the link at the top right of the Web page

that says, “Share your ideas on our open government plan.” After agreeing to the terms of participation, the link will take you to a webpage that asks for ideas on how Social Security can: work better with others inside and outside the government; solicit feedback from the public; improve the availability and quality of information; be more innovative and efficient; create an Open Government Plan.

Social Security’s new Open Government Web page also provides easy access to important agency information such as the agency strategic plan, Freedom of Information Act report, as well as program laws and regulations.

The Web page includes links to the datasets that were published last month on [www. Data.gov](http://www.Data.gov). The agency will publish its Open Government Plan in April.

veterans

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their needs known.”

Attendees at the focus group session were asked to fill out questionnaires about their personal circumstances regarding employment and to submit suggestions for employment training programs, ideas or workshops.

“Tribal leaders should be more concerned with the veterans and their needs,” Ted Underwood, Chickasaw Nation’s Office of Veterans Affairs, said. “These are men and women who have given their lives to serving and protecting the United States and our way of life here and the least we can do is make sure they are given every employment opportunity no matter what tribe they are from.”

Underwood said that he is not aware of any tribal employment offices specifically for Native American veterans however there are trade schools offered through the Cherokee Nation tribe that help veterans become trained in a field where they can secure a job.

“I am just wondering what happened to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ veterans’ program because it was becoming one of the best in the state,” Underwood said. “That’s the

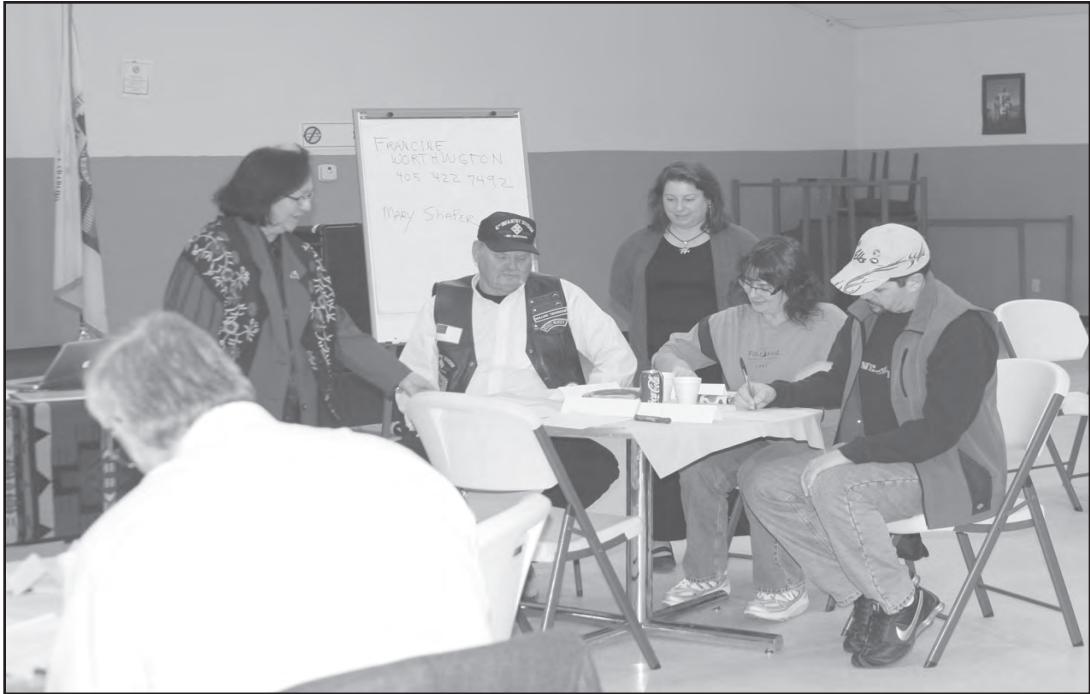


Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Francine Worthington and Mary Shafer help attendees to fill out paperwork during a a Native American Focus Group on March 4, 2010 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

thing I am talking about when I say tribal leaders need to be more concerned about their veterans.”

Some of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal veterans present said they wondered what happened to the tribes’ veterans program and wished the program would come back.

“I know each tribe is different but in my tribe, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, we put our veterans through employment training and when they complete the training we guarantee them a job,” Rowdy Yates, Citizen Potawatomi Nation veterans’ service officer, said. “We have to make sure our veterans

are taken care of.”

A focus group session was also held on March 11, 2010 at the Cherokee Nation Headquarters in Tahlequah, Okla.

For more information on employment training for veterans contact Worthington at (405) 422-7492 or toll free at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27492.



CALENDAR of Events

Symposium powwow

April 16-17 at the NSU campus UC ballroom in Tahlequah, Okla. For more information, call (918) 444-4350 or e-mail tribal-studies@nsuok.edu or visit www.cts.nsuok.edu.

Corey Sage graduation dance

April 17, 2010 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m. and supper at 5 p.m. For more information call Anna Sage at (405) 422-1166.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. 6 and under soccer tournament

At 10 a.m. April 17, 2010 at the Concho ball fields. Deadline to enter is April 13, 2010. For more information call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 27585.

Gathering of Nations powwow

April 22-24, 2010 at the University of New Mexico football field in Albuquerque, N.M. (Across the street from the Pit). Application deadline for Miss Indian World Pageant is March 20, 2010. Visit www.gatheringofnations.com for more information.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Pioneer Days

April 23-24, 2010 in Hammon, Okla. Parade, Cheyenne-Arapaho run, rodeo, carnival, fireworks, dance, arts and crafts, quilt show, flea market, cook-off, and more. For more information, call Edward Timms at (580) 488-2939.

Oklahoma Select Spring Fling Basketball Fest

April 23-25, 2010 at the Crooked Oak Gyms in Oklahoma City. Boys and girls’ teams from grades 3-12. \$125 entry fee. For more information or to enter a team call Trevor White at (405) 425-9784 or Carolyn Guion at (405) 410-1449.

OIN Princess Coronation Dance

May 8, 2010 at Darlington School. For more information, contact Dara Franklin, at (405) 924-2787 or 262-5131 or Christine Morton at (405) 476-1134 or 422-7545.

Tunica-Biloxi powwow

May 14-16, 2010 in Marksville, La. on the Chief Joseph Alcide powwow grounds – Tuncia-Buloxi reservation. Dance and drum competitions. For more information call (800) 946-1946 or visit tunicapowwow.org.

Chilocco Indian School 126th reunion

June 11, 2010 at Embassy Suites, 1815 S. Meridian, in Oklahoma City. For more information, call (405) 392-5536 or (405) 377-3587.

Tinker Inter-Tribal Council powwow

June 12, 2010 at Joe Barnes Regional Park in Midwest City, Okla. For more information, call (405) 733-3587.

Red Earth Festival

June 18-20, 2010 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information, call (405) 427-5228 or visit www.red-earth.org

Indian Hills powwow

July 23-25, 2010

The 79th annual American Indian Exposition

Aug. 2-7, 2010 at the Caddo County Fairgrounds in Anadarko, Okla.

Wounded Knee Memorial Motorcycle Run

Aug. 6-7, 2010 from Fort Yates, N.D. to Eagle Butte, S.D. to Wounded Knee. Honoring the trail of Chief Big Foot. For more information, call Bruce Hansen at (262) 903-0869 or hansen@elknet.net

The 21st annual Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow

Aug. 6-8, 2010 in Concho, Okla. For more information, call Christine Morton at (405) 476-1134.

REACHing Out



TALKING CIRCLES

Smoking Cessation Classes
March 20, 2010 - Clinton fitness center

TOBACCO USERS: THINKING ABOUT QUITTING?
The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Health Education Program is holding Tobacco Cessation Classes on from 1 to 4 p.m. March 20, 2010. People who use tobacco and wish to quit are encouraged to attend the class. The classes are free and you will be able to meet with others who share your problem with addiction.

If you are interested in participating contact Margie Deer at the health education office to sign up. You may leave a message by stating your name and a contact number. The phone number is (405) 422-7676. If out of the area, call TOLL FREE 1-800-247-4612 Extension 27676. **CLASS MAY BE CANCELLED IF NO ONE SIGNS UP BY MARCH 17.**

Cheyenne and Arapaho District 2 Community Meetings

- For the Kingfisher and Okarche area at 7 p.m. March 16, 2010 at the Rose State Bank Community Room, 1209 S. Main Street, in Kingfisher, Okla.
- For the Calumet and Geary area at 6:30 p.m. March 25, 2010 at the Geary Community Building in Geary, Okla.

For more information call the C-2 district office at (405) 422-7595 or 7573, or the A-2 district office at (405) 422-7419 or 7431.



R.E.SP.E.C.T. PROGRAM 6 & UNDER SOCCER TOURNAMENT



**Saturday, April 17, 2010
10:00 am
Concho Ball fields**

Deadline to Enter: April 13th

For more information or to enter a team, please contact the RESPECT Program at 1.800.247.4612 Ext. 27570 or 27585.





Spring Fling

Inviting all Tribal Youth grades K-12

**Monday, March 15, 2010
10:00 am—3:00 p.m.
Romannose State Park
Registration 9:30 a.m.
Lunch to be provided**

T-shirts for participants who attend the FULL days activities.



TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE	
Seiling—Shell Gas Station	9:00 a.m.
Canton—Shell Gas Station	9:30 a.m.
El Reno—Wal Mart	9:00 a.m.
Geary—Community Bldg.	9:30 a.m.
Elk City—Love’s Gas Station	8:00 a.m.
Hammon—Community Bldg	8:30 a.m.
Thomas—Terrier Express	9:30 a.m.
Clinton—Homeland	8:30 a.m.
Weatherford—Wal Mart	9:00 a.m.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program at 1.800.247.4612 Ext. 27570 or 27585.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Belated Birthday, Bernie! We love you! Love, Jerica, Johnnie, Joe and Joshua



Happy Birthday Bobby March 16 From all your friends at Concho Child Care



Happy Belated Birthday Cameron-March 2 From all your friends at Concho Child Care



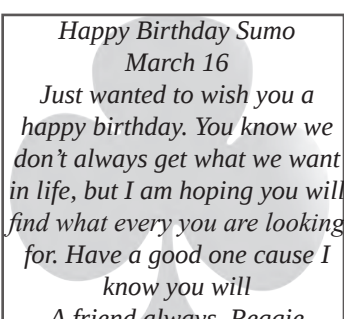
Happy 6th Birthday Carlina Angel Hamilton March 13, 2004 We love you more and more each day. You will always be my baby girl! Love always, momma Leah, auntie Grace, Desi, cousin Araceli, uncles Brandon, Will, Justin, Sean, Niehhi, g-ma Lydia and g-pa Crazy Horse



Happy Birthday to Our Baby Sister Carrie Frances Whitlow March 16 Thank you for always being there for us. We Love You! Stephanie and Big Will



Happy 1st Birthday Curtis Allen Sage (Maeno-Tze-Vomentz) March 11 We love you always! mommy, daddy (Corey and Shana), grandma Anna and all the rest of the family



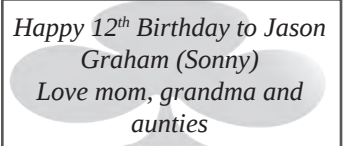
Happy Birthday Sumo March 16 Just wanted to wish you a happy birthday. You know we don't always get what we want in life, but I am hoping you will find what every you are looking for. Have a good one cause I know you will A friend always, Reggie



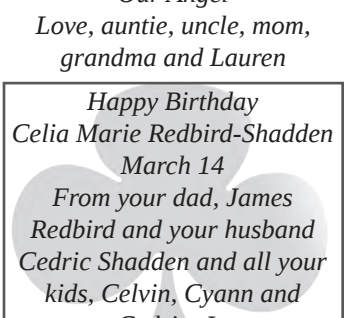
Happy Belated Birthday and congratulations on your new beginning! From your family, the Blacks and the Whites We love you and we are happy that you are home!



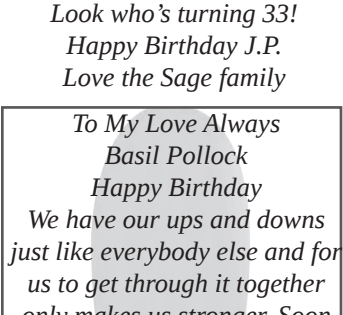
Happy 10th Birthday "Little" Our Angel Love, auntie, uncle, mom, grandma and Lauren



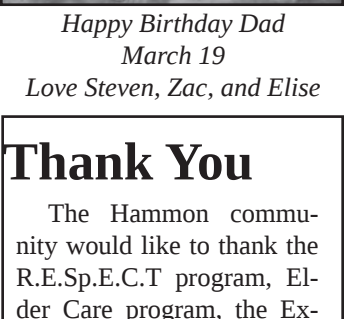
Happy 12th Birthday to Jason Graham (Sonny) Love mom, grandma and aunties



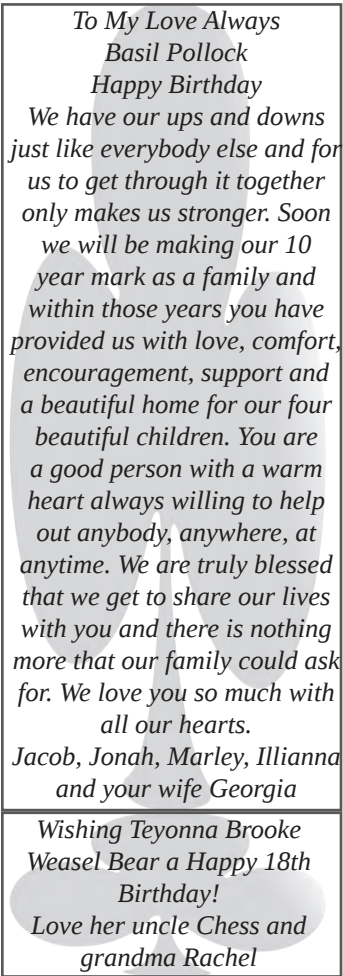
Happy Birthday Celia Marie Redbird-Shadden March 14 From your dad, James Redbird and your husband Cedric Shadden and all your kids, Calvin, Cyann and Cedric, Jr.



Look who's turning 33! Happy Birthday J.P. Love the Sage family



Happy Birthday Dad March 19 Love Steven, Zac, and Elise



To My Love Always Basil Pollock Happy Birthday We have our ups and downs just like everybody else and for us to get through it together only makes us stronger. Soon we will be making our 10 year mark as a family and within those years you have provided us with love, comfort, encouragement, support and a beautiful home for our four beautiful children. You are a good person with a warm heart always willing to help out anybody, anywhere, at anytime. We are truly blessed that we get to share our lives with you and there is nothing more that our family could ask for. We love you so much with all our hearts. Jacob, Jonah, Marley, Illianna and your wife Georgia



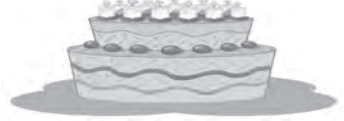
It's a girl!



Wishing Teyonna Brooke Weasel Bear a Happy 18th Birthday! Love her uncle Chess and grandma Rachel



Happy Birthday to my cuz Philbert. May God bless you in the years to come. Love your cousins, nieces and nephews



Happy Belated Birthday to Nina and Phelan Bruesch Love from all your family



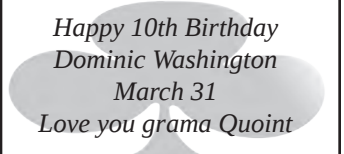
Happy Birthday Adriana Sam From all your friends at Clinton Head Start



Happy Birthday to our nephew William Birdshead We love you very much! Love your aunts, Victoria, Christina, Janelle and all your cousins



Happy Birthday Jason Goodman, Jr. From all your friends at Clinton Head Start



Happy 10th Birthday Dominic Washington March 31 Love you grama Quoint



Sidney Thomas Lyman March 15, 1957-April 3, 1997

about being compassionate, forgiving and to be more aware of peoples' pain. We've learned to appreciate and validate loved ones in our lives and to say I love you everyday. We miss your smile, your laughter and your easy going style. Not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts and in our hearts. Until we meet again we remain your loving family.



In dedication to my brother, my friend This year marks 13 years since you left his earth. The shock of your death left all of us numb, bewildered and riddled with what ifs. Slowly with the passing of time, we've learned to live with the pain, but now we know time doesn't heal. It only allows each of us to live with the hole left in our lives that you alone used to fill. Your death taught us

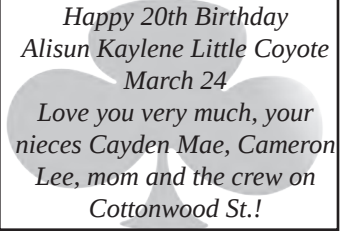
Darlington School Homecoming. Congratulations for being crowned king, Michael Jones, queen, Alaney Karty and the two kindergarten attendants, Kyla Megli and Marlon Whitlow



Happy Birthday to our little angel Maria Ann Birdshead and congratulations for receiving student of the month in February at Rose Witcher Elementary School. We are very proud of you and love you very much. Kyle, Jonathan, Christopher, Aaren, mom and dad



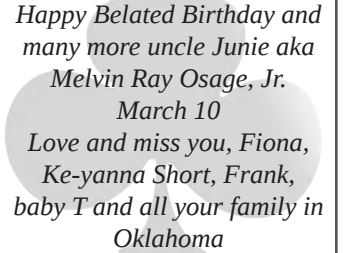
Happy 90th Birthday Doty Lumpmouth From the loving Lumpmouths



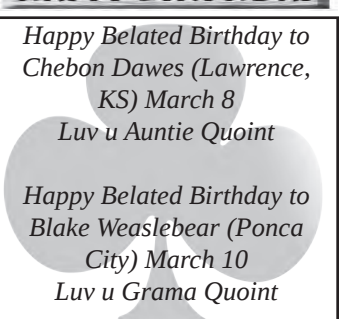
Happy 20th Birthday Alisun Kaylene Little Coyote March 24 Love you very much, your nieces Cayden Mae, Cameron Lee, mom and the crew on Cottonwood St.!



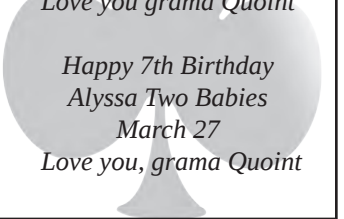
Look Who's 30! Happy Belated Birthday Leon Steve Dawes We love you! mom, dad, Amber, Isaac and Isaiah



Happy Belated Birthday and many more uncle Junie aka Melvin Ray Osage, Jr. March 10 Love and miss you, Fiona, Ke-yanna Short, Frank, baby T and all your family in Oklahoma



Happy Belated Birthday to Chebon Dawes (Lawrence, KS) March 8 Luv u Auntie Quoint



Happy Belated Birthday to Blake Weaslebear (Ponca City) March 10 Luv u Grama Quoint



Happy 6th Birthday Colbey Milligan March 13 Love you grama Quoint



Happy 7th Birthday Alyssa Two Babies March 27 Love you, grama Quoint

Welcome to the World



Welcome to my new granddaughter, Liliana Star Bearshield-Doyah Born: March 2, 2010 and weighed 8 lbs., 20 oz. Congratulations to her parents, Raechelle Bearshield and Coty Doyah. Love grandma Lana



Lakota Rose Alysa Russell was born Feb. 26, 2010 to John Russell and Victoria Birdshead. Proud grandparents are Matthew and Ruthie Russell of El Reno, Okla. Welcome to the world sunshine!



The El Reno Indians (Jared Blurton, Eli Wilson, Ethan Wilson, Hunter Floyd, AJ Sioux, Jandra Levi, Dominic Guzman, Bethany Franks, Amare Weary, Jo'nah Johnson and Miles Berryhill) age 10 and under basketball team recently completed their season finishing 3rd place in Division II with a record of 7-5. I am very proud of all you, you have all came a long way. Coach Christine Levi



The Morton Family would like to Congratulate Tanner Brown and the Darlington Chiefs on the State Championship 2010. Go Chiefs!

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver’s license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: eolguin@c-a-tribes.org

Director
Food Distribution

QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor’s degree in business administration or related field preferred or ten years experience in food distribution services. Minimum five years of supervisory experience. Working knowledge of federal/tribal USDA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDIR). Possess valid state driver’s license. CDL or CDL eligible-class B. Pass a physical/medical examination prior to reporting date. Currently certified or eligible for forklift certification. Training and warehouse work experience, familiar with warehouse and loading and unloading safety practices as well as applicable regulations and policies. Working knowledge and experience using computers. Demonstrate experience and ability to relate and communicate well with Indian and non-Indian individuals and households. Ability to prepare and administer federal grants and contracts. Strong organizational, writing and communication skills.
SALARY: Negotiable

Coordinator
REACH U.S.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Knowledge of health promotion, disease prevention methods preferred. Knowledge of the Cheyenne and Arapaho culture and customs. Knowledge of community development, networking and coalition building. Knowledge of the principals of exercise, physical activity and sports. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Ability to plan and organize program, work with tribal entities and organizations, be creative in developing health promotion products, develop presentations and speak publically. Degree in public health, physical education, exercise science or related fields preferred. Ability to become a certified personal trainer or physical fitness specialist. CPR certified or the ability to become CPR certified.
SALARY: Negotiable

EMR
First Responder

QUALIFICATIONS:
EMR candidate must be licensed by the state of Oklahoma and the National Registry. Must be at least 21 years of age and physically capable of lifting 50 lbs. dead weight and have no prior back injuries. Must have completed EVOC course. Must have a current CPR (healthcare provider level). Must have a valid driver license, good driving record (no accidents in last two years). Must be willing to work flexible hours, including weekends and holidays. Ability to work well with client population within the nine county service areas. Be able to pass physical examination (no combination of diabetes and hypertension). Must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. certified. Cheyenne and Arapaho and/or Native American preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Administrative Assistant
Dept. of Health

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school graduate or G.E.D. certified. Two years experience in related field. Familiar with the organization’s established policies and procedures. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others. Computer literate and skilled in operation of office machines. Ability to establish and maintain filing systems and to prepare documents. Requires knowledge of proper formats for reports and program correspondence. Must demonstrate effective communication skills. Must be dependable and have reliable transportation. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and meet requirements for use of GSA vehicle. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Caseworker
Social Services

QUALIFICATIONS:
Prefer bachelor’s degree in social work or related field or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Requires two years of experience in professional related field. Ability to work flexible hours and after 5 p.m. Must understand and strive to implement the program’s goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Posses communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho and Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Child Protection Worker
Social Services

QUALIFICATIONS:
Prefer bachelor’s degree in related field preferred. Will accept a combination of education and related experience. Knowledge of various laws, regulations and procedures including the Indian Child Welfare Act and the CFR court procedures. Knowledge of tribal and community resources. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the privacy act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Legislative Research
Specialist

QUALIFICATIONS:
Possess a bachelor’s degree and/or associate’s degree with two years work related experience. Shall possess a valid driver’s license. Shall meet the requirements for a tribal government selected as required in the tribes personnel policies and procedures.
SALARY: Negotiable

Staff Lead Attorney
Legislative Branch

QUALIFICATIONS:
J.D. degree from an ABA-accredited law school. Word processing, filing and data entry experience. Must have own transportation and valid driver’s license required. Excellent analytical, writing and speaking skills. Applicant must have strong interpersonal skills and the ability and willingness to function as a member of the Legislative Branch in a number of capacities. Experience and/or education in Native American legal issues. Advanced legal research skills and knowledge of Indian law databases. Knowledge of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ history, culture and government.
SALARY: Negotiable

Legal Advocate
Legislative Branch

QUALIFICATIONS:
Word processing, filing, and data entry experience. Must have own transportation and valid driver’s license required. Excellent analytical, writing and speaking skills. Applicant must have strong interpersonal skills and the ability and willingness to function as a member of the Legislative Branch in a number of capacities. Swear to uphold the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Constitution. Advanced legal research skills and knowledge of Indian law databases. Knowledge of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ history, culture and government. Experience and/or education in Native American legal issues preferred.
SALARY: Negotiable

Job Placement Specialist
Dept. of Education

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must possess excellent people skills and have the ability to assess the strengths and weaknesses of others. Individual must have excellent written and communications skills and is comfortable networking with others to meet potential employers. Minimum of associate’s degree and three or more years work experience in job placement. Prefer bachelor’s degree in related field or human resource management.
SALARY: Negotiable

Administrative Assistant
Diabetes Wellness

QUALIFICATIONS:
Associates degree from an accredited university/college or the equivalent of one year of college credits obtained plus three years or more experience in administrative/clerical work preferred. Must work well with family/community-based program related to health promotion and education. Knowledge of the Cheyenne and Arapaho culture a must. Must have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Network Engineer
COMIT

QUALIFICATIONS:
Design detailed configurations for advanced Local Area Network Solutions Plan and deploy advanced network communications solutions effectively. Assess and monitor a complex network to ensure service is provided as designed. Perform advanced network communications troubleshooting. Perform routine IT service calls. Tracks and stays on top of all open help requests. Two-five years experience performing above duties. Certifications a plus.
SALARY: Negotiable

Data Entry Clerk
CHR Program

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or GED equivalent is mandatory. Minimum of one year of relevant experience is required. Certificate of completion of a program or training in computer science or related field is preferred. Individual must possess a valid Oklahoma state driver’s license, be insurable and have a clean driving record. Must be able to pass physical. Must pass an OSBI background check. Must complete a required Indian Health Service computer security training before RPMS access is granted. Must have proof of negative TB skin test and other immunization as required by Indian Health Services. Regular attendance is required.
SALARY: Negotiable

Wellness Technician/
Facilities Engineer

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or GED certified. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license and reliable transportation a must. Must have an active background in sports, recreation and exercise. Must have the ability to interact and communicate with varied educational levels. Must have at least one year of experience working in the sports, recreational or exercise fields. Must be knowledgeable of and sensitive to the tribal member’s culture, heritage and beliefs. Good health and physical fitness a plus. Adult and child CPR/First Aid certificate required. Must be able to perform in a professionally and culturally appropriate manner. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Victim’s Advocate
Domestic Violence

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma required and associate’s degree preferred. Two years of documented experience in satisfactory public service position. Substitution of experience for education may be made only for the associate’s degree. Ability to perform necessary duties after normal business hours on a regular basis. Ability to be on-call if necessary. Valid state driver’s license. Willingness and ability to pass successfully a background check which proves fitness of character for position. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

TRIBAL TRIBUNE
DEADLINES

The 8th and 23rd
of each month

SPORTS COVERAGE: With a two person staff and countless tribal athletes throughout the state, the *Tribal Tribune* is unable to cover all sporting events (we cannot cover one school without being able to cover *all* of them), therefore – in order to be fair – we have to regretfully decline invitations to cover games. However, as with all news/events, readers are more than welcome to submit photos/information to the *Tribal Tribune*. Thank you for your understanding.

Meet the OIN princess candidates

Brandy Lynn Fasthorse for OIN Junior Miss

Brandy Lynn Fasthorse is half Cheyenne, quarter Cherokee and quarter Sioux. She is 7 years old.

Fasthorse is the daughter of Margaret TallBear and Thomas Fasthorse. She is the granddaughter of Deforest “Mock” TallBear, Debra White and the late Lolita Blindwoman. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Floyd and Rose Greany TallBear, the late George and Margaret Weavel White and

the late Minnie Blindwoman. Fasthorse has one older brother, Blaine and two younger sisters, Baylee and Torrence.

Fasthorse is currently the Oklahoma Indian Nations (OIN) Little Miss Princess. She would like to be the OIN Junior Miss Princess. She really enjoyed her reign as Little Miss and would like to continue to represent the OIN organization.

Lylah TallBear-Sankey is half Arapaho, quarter Cheyenne and quarter Cherokee.

TallBear-Sankey is the daughter of Malaina TallBear and Cody Zimmer of El Reno, Okla. and Robert C. Sankey of Thomas, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Deforest “Mock” TallBear, Debra White and the late Angeline Sankey and Fredrick L. Sweezy, Jr. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Floyd and Rose Greany TallBear, the late George and Margaret Weavel White, the late

Madeline Williams and Robert Sankey, and the late Julia Davis and Fredrick L. Sweezy Sr.

TallBear-Sankey was born deaf in late September 2005. At age two she received corrective hearing surgery and since the day she could hear she loves to “hey yaw” (her word for dancing).

TallBear-Sankey is the youngest of two sisters, Emily Sankey-Roy and Tusheena Watan and two brothers, D. Robbie Gould and Elijah TallBear-Sage. She is currently attending the Concho Headstart. She enjoys not only “hey yawing” but she likes to break dance and enjoys watching the Ha’Stylez dance.

TallBear-Sankey’s cousin is currently the Oklahoma Indian Nations (OIN) Little Miss, Brandy Fasthorse. She has danced by Brandy’s side since she became OIN Little Miss. Brandy is currently running for

Lylah Christine “Buggy” TallBear-Sankey for OIN Little Miss

the Junior Miss Oklahoma Indian Nations. She would like to keep up the tradition in her family by becoming OIN Little Miss Pow Wow Princess.

The family will be having fundraisers for Lylah and Brandy in the near future. If there is anyone who would like to make a donation or would like to help raise money for either girls contact Malaina at (405) 556-0748 or at (405) 422-7595.

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February 23, 2010,

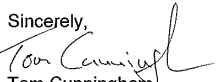
Speaker Michael Kodaseet
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
211 E. Russell
El Reno, OK 73036

Dear Speaker Kodaseet,

I am in receipt of your February 22, 2010 letter. I have received various inquiries regarding Yvonne Wilson's appointment as an Acting Commissioner. In response to all inquiries, I have attempted to communicate that the legality of such an appointment is to be determined by the Tribe through its internal processes, tribal law, and/or court decisions. My office has received documentation from Governor Boswell's office indicating that Yvonne Wilson has been appointed Acting Gaming Commissioner on January 22, 2010 and Michelle Conroy's term as Gaming Commissioner has been extended for 90 days from the date of January 19, 2010. Unless our office receives legal notice to the contrary, we will operate under these notices provided by Governor Boswell.

In the event the Tribe's Court were to determine that Yvonne Wilson's appointment as Acting Gaming Commissioner or Michelle Conroy's extension is contrary to tribal law and process, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) would monitor what actions are taken by the Tribe to immediately remove the unauthorized official(s). The NIGC will continue to monitor the Tribe's regulation of its gaming operations in accordance to tribal, state, and federal law. In the event NIGC determines that no regulation is being effected or that the facilities are being regulated by an unauthorized party, I would recommend enforcement action by the agency.

Please feel free to contact me or Field Investigator Dana Freeman at (405) 609-8626 if you have any further questions regarding this matter or any other matters related to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Sincerely,

Tom Cunningham
Region Director
NIGC – Oklahoma City Region

CC: Janice Boswell, Governor
Michelle Conroy, Gaming Commissioner
Yvonne Wilson, Acting Gaming Commissioner

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home today if they are drinking.”

Hicks said she loves all her family and when they are sober any one of them are welcome in her home, but if they have been drink- ing they will be turned away.

“Some people think that’s hard, but I am not going to enable anyone to be a drunk,” Hicks said.

Hicks said when she dedicated her life to God, she has never turned back and has seen miracle after miracle happen in her life.

“There were times when I didn’t know where we were going to get food to eat, or where we were going to live, but God always provided for us time after time,” Hicks said. “I have never doubted God would provide for us ... I have always knew about the Lord because I was brought up in the church by my mom and aunt, but I never surrendered my life to Him until that day in January and he took my drinking problem right from me.”

Hicks said one summer while at a revival at Falls Creek she at- tended every year, she felt the Lord pull her toward writing and singing Arapaho songs.

“I fought God for a year because I didn’t speak Arapaho and I

didn’t want to do it, but every time something in my heart would pull at me so I finally gave in and told God ok I would do it, but he was going to have to help me with the words and all,” Hicks said. “So I had little tablets all over the house and Arapaho words would just come to me and I would grab the pen and write them down, it was amazing.”

Hicks now sings many Arapaho songs and knows some of the Cheyenne songs because of Moses and Anita Starr teaching her and taking her with them all over the country to sing at powwows.

“When we leave to go home we have to leave our children with these songs and with our history and our traditions because it will be up to them to continue to carry on our ways,” Hicks said.

Hicks recorded many tapes and hands them out for free to people who want to know the Arapaho songs.

“I also teach Sunday school to the ladies at my church and I tell them the tongue is the smallest muscle in our bodies but it is has the strongest power to harm people than any other. I tell them we need to watch our words, be kind with our tongues, sing songs and lift people up with our words because harm done from the tongue never

heals,” Hicks said.

Hicks said without her faith in God she wouldn’t have survived the many trials and tragedies in her life.

“When my two sons died it was one day they were here and the next day they were gone and I wouldn’t have survived either death without God in my life. George was shot during a powwow and John burned to death in a house fire,” Hicks said. “I know God took both my boys home and then shortly after my husband, Edgar, died of a massive heart attack.”

Hicks said she has been on a long journey, one that she hopes will continue for years to come but said when God calls her home she will be ready to go.

“You know I have had a full life and now my life is full with my grandchildren, great-grandchildren and now my great-great grand- children and it’s a good thing we don’t know how our lives are go- ing to turn out, because I wouldn’t have all this love around me if I had not had all of my children back then,” Hicks said. “Today when people ask me how old are you Belva, you know what I tell them? I say I am 77 going on 18.”

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find out why Black Kettle was so unpopular and why he was not at the main campsite.

Also sharing some history and his research was Junior Black Bear. He read a list of names of the men who were killed at Washita, and said may- be one day he’ll publish every- thing that took place there.

“I’m sure everyone has some- thing to say, because they’ve heard it from their families,” he said, after thanking all the attendees for showing up and showing their respect.

In addition to using the word massacre, Floyd Black Bear also suggested that a plaque or wall be built to list the names of the people who lost their lives at Washita.

“I think we need to remem- ber the people who were slaugh- tered. They need to be memo- rialized,” he said. “I think the descendents should have part recognition out there.”

Black Bear said he would like to hear what the young people thought and wondered if they understood.

“I know that white people don’t want to accept the fact that it was a massacre ... they still think it was a battle ... and they promote that, a battle site.”

Gray said the Office of Plan- ning and Development would help schedule another meeting in April once the chiefs decide when it will take place. She said the NPS would also be hosting their own public meetings and consultation with both the tribes and the public.

The tribes Office of Planning and Development will also take on the responsibility of submit- ting the necessary paperwork needed for the name change.

Gray said the following docu- ments would be needed:

- A tribal resolution.
- Letters of support signed by the chiefs and headsmen.
- Letters of support by the states’ congressional repre- sentatives.
- Other scholarly letters of support.

Once the chiefs come to an agreement on the new name, all documents will be submitted to the Oklahoma State Coordina- tor’s Office, then to the National Park Service, then to the U.S. Office of Management and Bud-

get. The United States Congress will then decide whether or not to enact the proposal.

The Office of Planning and Development staff thank ev- eryone who attended the first meeting, especially the tradi- tional leaders and tribal mem- bers who spoke.

“We appreciate tremen- dously the assistance from Dale Hamilton and Karen Little Coy- ote and the cooks who prepared the traditional food,” Margaret

Anquoe said. “Equally impor- tant was the assistance from Feather Warrior Casino and Ms. Gloria Smith, to whom we say thank you so much.”



Top: Sam Hart shares a story about the Washita attack.

Bottom: (L to R) Floyd Black Bear, Moses Star and Chester Whiteman voice their opinions at meeting on March 6, 2010 in Wa- tonga, Okla. to possibly change the name of the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site.

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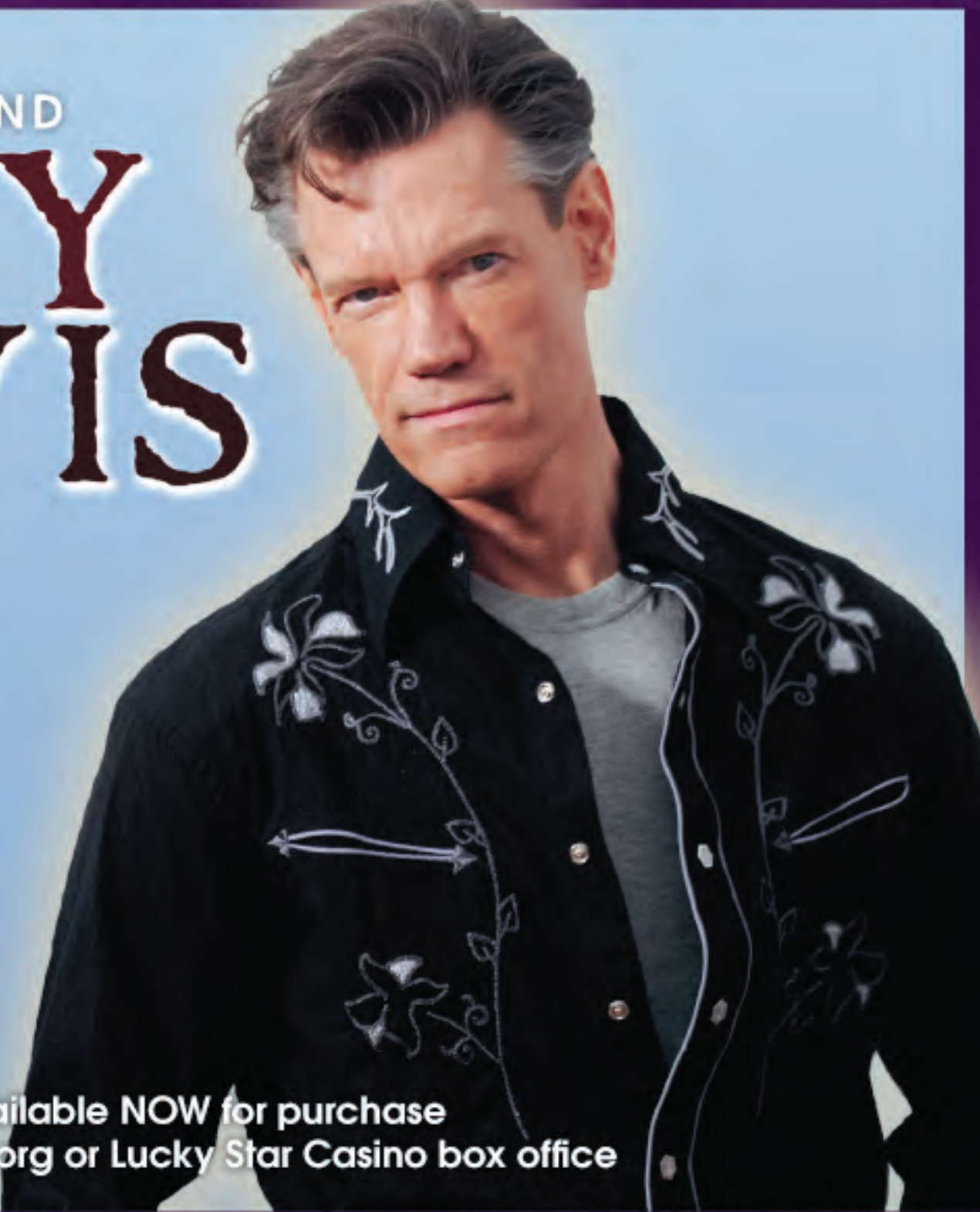
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